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Mr. Bôwe's matricule (aluminum wrist-tag) is No. 11,436—Foreign Legion. Crescent and bursting bomb on cap indicate the Legion's Moroccan Division. Chevron and device on left sleeve denote a grenade-thrower of two years' trench service—one bar for first year and one for each added six months. Note bullet scar on left eyebrow.

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THIS AMERICAN CITIZEN'S BOOK IS
AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED
TO HIS COMRADE IN ARMS,
THE FRENCH POILU

INTRODUCTORY

“Good luck, my soldier! You Americans are an extraordinary people. You are complex. We have thought we understood you—but, we do not. We never know what you will do next.”

I asked my French landlady, who thus responded to the news that I had joined the Foreign Legion, for an explanation. She said:

“In the early days of the war, when the Germans advanced upon Paris at the rate of thirty kilometers a day, driving our French people before them, pillaging the country, dealing death and destruction, when our hearts were torn with grief, Americans who were in Paris ran about like chickens with their heads cut off. They could not get their checks cashed; they had lost their trunks; they thought only of their own temporary discomfort, and had no sympathy for our misfortunes.”

“But,” she continued, “the same ship that took these people away brought us other Americans. Strong and vigorous, they did not re-

main in Paris. Directly to the training camps they went; and, today, they are lying in mud, in the trenches with our *poilus*."

"Now, we should like to know, if you please, which are the real Americans—those who ran away and left us when in trouble, or those who came to help us in time of need. Are you *goers* or *comers*?"

Self-proclaimed "good Americans," who pray that when they die they may go to Paris, are no more the real Americans than is their *café*, boulevarded, liqueured-up, artificial, gay night-life Paris—the only Paris they know (specially arranged and operated, by other foreigners, for their particular delectation and benefit!)—the real Paris.

Such Americans, whose self-centered world stands still when their checks are but unhonored scraps of paper, the light of whose eyes fades if their personal baggage is gone, with just one idea of "service"—that fussy, obsequious attendance, which they buy, are they whose screaming Eagles spread their powerful wings on silver and gold coin only. Their "U. S." forms the dollar-sign. They are the globe-trotting, superficial, frivolous "goers."

Boys in brown and blue, girls in merciful an-

gels' white, men and women of scant impedimenta, are the "comers," to whom — and to whose distant home-fire tenders — "U. S." means neither Cash nor Country alone, but a suffering humanity's urgent—US. Bonds of liberty mean, to them, LIBERTY BONDS. Yes "La Fayette, we are here!" Real Americans think, shoot and shout, Pershing for the perishing, "the Yanks are coming over till it's over, over there!"



*“The Girl I Left
Behind Me”*

France gave us, outright, six million dollars—when millions were Millions! and she loaned us an equal amount at 5 per cent, though the money cost her 7. We have not yet properly repaid the bringer of Liberty's Goddess to brighten our shore.

FOREWORD

Let the fastidious beware!

Here is no inviting account of a holiday in France.

The fighting author does not apologize for this terrible tale.

He has written literally, unglossed—no glamour, to

Help you understand the horrors of War and Prussian dreadfulness.

This gripping catalogue of catastrophe is by an American.

It contains romance, history—but absolutely no fiction.

it is a Love story. "Greater love hath no man than this"

The National Society of Real Americans, in the shadow of

Independence Hall, Philadelphia, reminds

Us that we have two Countries—

United States and France.

"Jack" Bowe, in this, his second volume on War, presents a French viewpoint, rather than the British.

Cosmopolite, born on the Scotch-English border, he

Knows no boundaries in

Freedom's cause.

He has served in five regiments in France.

Wounded and spent, he has been restored in five different hospitals.

Evacuated from the front, twice, he has recuperated in

England and returned, on furlough, to America, When he received "Certificate of Honor" for promoting the sale of Liberty Bonds.

Thrice decorated for distinguished conduct and valor in Europe,

He wears, also, three medals from service in the Spanish-American War and in the Philippine Insurrection.

He has been marched through countless villages of France whose

Names he did not know—nor could he have pronounced them!

Indian file, in black night, he has tramped hundreds of miles of

Trenches, which he could not have recognized next morning.

He has endured twenty days and nights of continuous cannonade.

Experiencing every sort of military warfare
on land, he has also survived a

Collision at sea.

He has been Mayor of his own home town,
Canby, Minnesota.

In Minnesota's Thirteenth, he fought for the
Stars and Stripes, being

Present at the capture of Manila, P. I., August
13, 1898.

Having represented, with honors, earth's two
greatest

Republics, he is still enrolled under the
Tri-color of France, in that wonderful, inter-
national composite of

Individual fearlessness, the Foreign Legion,
"Where the blindest bluffs hold good, dear
lass,

And the wildest tales are true."

CHARLES L. MacGREGOR.

Minneapolis, November, 1918.

N. B.:

Material for this work was "Solid Gold," according to

An old-timer Bookseller, who regrets it has been

Printed privately instead of properly Published

with extensive Advertising. If you like it, Talk it!

Mr. Bowe's impressionist stuff is so perfectly bully, so

John Bully! so lovably French—

Admirably American, withal, I knew it was

wrong to much "improve" or, try to connect it.

Therefore, I have alloyed it but little, not

even always insisting on real sentences.—MacG.

Alone They Went Before

To those gallant fellows who left the peace and comfort of happy American homes, when their country was yet neutral, in order to carry out their ideals of Right and Justice—this book is a reminder that they have not suffered in vain and are not forgotten.

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Soldiers of the Legion

CHAPTER I

JOINING THE LEGION

I entered the service of France in the Hotel des Invalides, Paris, that historical structure upon the banks of the Seine, built by Napoleon Bonaparte as a home and refuge for his worn-out veterans. The well-known statue of the Man of Destiny, with three cornered hat and folded arms, broodingly gazed upon us as, with St. Gaudens and Tex Bondt, I marched up the court yard.

At depot headquarters, where I gave my name and American address, a soldier, writing at a desk, spoke up,—“Do you know Winona, in Minnesota?” “Yes, of course, it is quite near my home.” “Do you know this gentleman?” He unbuttoned his vest and pulled out the photograph of Dr. O. P. Ludwig, formerly of Winona, now of Frazee, Minnesota.

That night I was given a blanket and shown to a room to sleep. I shall never forget what a cosmopolitan crew met my unsophisticated eyes next morning. The man next to me, a burly Swiss, had feet so swollen he could not get his shoes on. Another had no socks. One, wounded in the arm, sat up in bed, staring at the newcomer. It is a habit old soldiers develop, a polite way of expressing pity for the newly arrived boob. An Alsatian corporal pored over an English dictionary, trying to learn words so he could go to the English army as an interpreter. Suspected of being a spy, he had been brought back from the front. These men had slept in their clothes. The air was foul, stifling. A soldier went about and gave each his breakfast—a cup of black coffee.

I stuck around, wondering if I had lost my number. Suddenly a voice, in English, boomed out, "Hello, where's that new Englishman?" "I am not English,—I am an American." Quick as a shot came the answer, "So am I! I am the colonel's orderly sent to take you over to your company." In a few minutes, I was giving the latest American news to Professor Orlin-

ger, formerly instructor in languages at Columbia University, New York.

The training was fierce—almost inhuman. Men were needed badly at that time. The Germans were advancing, and would not wait, so men were sent out to the front as quickly as hardened. A number, possibly five per cent, broke under the strain. It was a survival of the fittest. We stuck it out; and, after eight weeks, went to the front with the Second Regiment of the Foreign Legion.

No other nation in the world has a fighting force like the Foreign Legion. Here, in this finest unit in France, the real red blood of all peoples unites. Men from fifty-three countries, every land and clime, all ranks and walks of life, colors, ages, professions, of different religious and political beliefs, speaking all languages, they have come from the four corners of the globe and are fused in the crucible of discipline. The Legion exacts absolute equality. The millionaire with his wealth, or the aristocrat of birth and pedigree, has no more privilege than the poorest Legionnaire.



OLD TIME LEGIONNAIRES

ALEXANDRE FRANCOIS
Switzerland

CHAS. BLOMME
Belgium

Comrades in 27 campaigns. Photograph taken in hospital. One left a leg, the other an arm, to fertilize the soil of France. Francois has four decorations, Blomme has six. He carries the gold medal presented by Queen Anne of Russia, in his pocket. They fought for France and Liberty for one cent per day.

An outstanding type is the volunteer, well dressed, athletic, frequently rich, who burns with enthusiasm, and brings dash, energy and vim, to be conserved, directed into proper channels by the tested old timers, who are the real nucleus of that dependability for which this Regiment is noted. During this war, 46,672 men had enlisted in the Legion, of which 2,800 were on the front, autumn of 1917, when I left for America.

The Legion is a shifting panorama, international debating ground, continuous entertainment, inspiring school of practical human nature. The Legionnaire lives in realms of romance, experiences, fantastic as are dreams, horrible as the nightmare. He comes out, glad to have been there, to have lived it all.

In the village of repose, one will sit in a sheltered corner by a flickering camp fire, in the gathering darkness, not hearing the ever present cannon's roar, nor watching the illumination of the distant star-shells, while Legionnaires and volunteers tell of the Boer, Philippine, Mexican, Spanish wars, the South American revolutions, or describe conditions on the

Belgian Congo and in Morocco. Comrades in the flesh recount deeds with the thrill of rollicking adventure. The listener gets a grasp on himself and learns world problems. He becomes a divided person, living an unnatural present, absorbed in the excitements of yesterday.

Social life is that of the ancient buccaneer of the Spanish Main. Here, one finds a kindred spirit who shares his joys and dangers and inherits his wealth (?). Each shields the other in the small incidents of life. In larger affairs all are secure in the sheltering, comfortable traditions of the Legion, which, insisting on strictest obedience, provide, in return, unflinching common protection. Never is a comrade deserted, left to the mercies of an enemy. Death, —rather than capture!

As in the early days of the American West, a man does not have to bring recommendation from his priest, a bank's letter of credit, or a certificate of respectability, to prove him eligible. He is taken at his face value—"No questions asked." He does not impair his citizenship. He does not swear French allegiance.

He retains his own individuality. No one pries into his private affairs. His troubles are his. He carries them, also his fame, without advertising. If bad, he conceals his vices. If good, he bears his virtues in silence. Whatever his status in civil life, in the Legion, he is simply a Legionnaire. This is not the place for weaklings. Invariably they are used up in the training. Here are only strong, independent men, who do things, who make their mark, who scorn the little frivolities of life, who neither give nor ask favors.

There are no roundheads in the Legion. The most noticeable thing is squareness—square jaws, square shoulders, square dealing of man to man. There is a feeling of pride, of emulation, between officers and men—a mutual respect, that is hard to define. Officers do not spare themselves. They do not spare their men, nor do they neglect them. While the men are untiring in admiration for their leaders, French officers are equally complimentary in their appreciation, which the following citation from General Degoutte, Commander of the Moroccan Division, shows,—“The folds of your banner are not large enough to write your titles of

glory, for our foreign volunteers live and die in the marvelous. It is to the imperishable honor of France to have been the object of such worship, of all the countries, and to have grouped under her skies all the heroes of the world."

Scores of books, in many languages, have been written about this famous corps, some in anger, others in sorrow, many blaming—few praising, the hardness of the discipline, the shortness of the food, the length of the marches, or the meager wage of one cent per day. After two years the pay was raised to five cents and again increased to one franc (20 cents) per day, while at the front.

There are many reasons why men become Legionnaires. Some join for glory, others for adventure. Some just want to be in the midst of things,—they yearn to see the wheels go round! Others were brought by curiosity, rather than intelligence. Some came because they wanted to—others, because they had to. Some crave the satisfaction of helping underdogs, who are sweating their brass collars. Some fight for hatred of Germany and of the

German character. Others strive for love of France and what she stands for. Different feelings, mingled with heroic ideals, recruit the ranks.

American members know that the present fight of France is ours. She, also, contends for democracy. She aided us in our direst need. In the darkest hour of the Revolution, it was the French fleet that defied the English, landed French soldiers to help us, and enabled Washington to dispatch 5,000 red-breeched Frenchmen, who marched from Newport News to join 1,500 American infantry under Alexander Hamilton. They captured Yorktown and compelled the surrender of Cornwallis and gained the victory that resulted in the independence of America.

So, today, 142 years later, American soldiers in khaki cross leagues of ocean, fight, suffer and die to save invaded France.

CHAPTER II

HISTORY OF THE LEGION

The Foreign Legion has a notable record which extends back to the Crusades. Then, French and Anglo-Saxon marched together and fought to save the world for Christianity. History repeating itself, after centuries, today, we see the same forces, side by side, fighting, dying, not only for Christianity, but for civilization. On the result of this clash with the barbarous Hun depends the preservation of the humane world.

At Pontevrault, twenty miles from Saumer, in the valley of the Loire, rest the remains of Richard Coeur-de-Lion, whose Anglo-Saxon heart, worn with hardship and suffering, ceased beating under the sunny skies of France, pierced by the poisoned arrow of a mysterious assassin from the far East.

Beneath the pavement, in front of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, in Jerusalem, lies the dust of Philip D'Aubigne, a French knight,

who fulfilled his vow to lay himself upon the threshold of that church which marks the place where rests the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As the Anglo-Saxon perished in France and the Frenchman died in Jerusalem, both for the cause of Right and Justice, today, millions leave native land to meet that organized force which seeks to conquer, subdue, and enslave the people of all earth's free countries.

Among ancient soldiers of the Foreign Legion were Broglie of Broglie, Rantzan, Lowendall, the Duke of Berwick, John Hitton, the son of an African king, and the Scottish Stuarts, with many other knights and men of note.

For their devotion, especially that of the Swiss Guards to the French Kings, the Legionnaires were respected, even by their enemies, the Revolutionists, who, April 20, 1792, appealed to them to "desert the cause of Royal oppression, range themselves under the flag of France, and consecrate their efforts to the defense of liberty." They responded, gathered under the tri-color, and, in 1795, commanded by

Angereau, Marshal of France, one of Napoleon Bonaparte's most trusted generals, won such renown that companies—frequently whole regiments of foreigners—flocked to their standard. In 1799, there were incorporated a regiment of Italians, a regiment of Poles and a regiment of Maltese. These made the campaign of Egypt with Napoleon. In 1809, a Portuguese, a Greek and an Irish regiment joined. In 1812, came a regiment of Mamelukes, who, January 7, 1814, had their name changed to Chasseurs of the Orient.

The Foreign Legion helped save France for the people in the Revolution. They shared in the glory and pomp of Napoleon's dazzling career. They marched and suffered through the retreat from Moscow. Napoleon, on his return from Elba, created eight Regiments of the Foreign Legion, who shared the fate of the world's greatest soldier at Waterloo.

After Napoleon's downfall Louis XVIII created the Royal Foreign Legion which later was merged with the 86th Regiment of the Line.

May 9, 1831, the French Chamber of Deputies decreed the Foreign Legion should not be employed on the soil of France, so the Regiment was sent to Africa, with headquarters at Sidi-bel-Abbe's, Algeria.

In 1842 Patrick MacMahon, a descendant of Irish Kings, was lieutenant colonel of the Foreign Legion. Later, during the Crimean War, MacMahon's troops were assigned the task of capturing the Malikoff. After hours of hand-to-hand, sanguinary fighting, to beat off the Russian counter-attacks, the French commander, Marshal Pellisser, believing the fortress was mined, sent MacMahon orders to retire. The old Legionnaire replied,—“I will hold my ground, dead or alive.” He held. The evacuation of Sebastopol followed. In 1859, he defeated the Austrians at Magenta. He was given the title of Duke of Magenta, and rewarded with the baton of a Marshal of France.

In 1854, Bazaine, who enlisted as a private soldier in the 37th Regiment of the Line, and died a Marshal of France, was Colonel of the Foreign Legion. He led them to Milianah, Kabylia and Morocco.

They participated in the Mexican War, in 1861, and in the Franco-German War of 1870. After the fall of Sedan and the capture of Napoleon III, under the Republic, they served with General Garibaldi, "The Liberator of Italy." Three brigades of the Foreign Legion, chiefly Irishmen, Spaniards, Italians and Franc-Tireurs, fought a bitter partisan warfare against overwhelming odds in eastern France and the Vosges, where, rather than surrender to the invader, many crossed the frontier into Switzerland.

At Casablanca, Africa, in 1908, a dispute about a German, enlisted in the Foreign Legion, almost precipitated war between Germany and France. The Kaiser rattled the saber, demanding an apology from France; but the response of M. Clemenceau, who stood firm, was so direct and spirited that Germany did not then insist. "The day" had not arrived. In the same town, seven years later, January 28, 1915, a German spy, Karl Fricke, after failing to provoke a holy war among the Mohammedans, relying on his personal friendship with his master, the Kaiser, laughed when the French commander told him he would be shot in an hour.

“Der Tag!”

(Kipling's poem was never more timely than today, when the German braggart is seeking to escape the impending disaster.)

You boasted the day, and you toasted the day,

And *now* the day has come.

Blasphemer, braggart, and coward all,

Little you reck of the numbing ball,

The blasting shell, or the white arm's fall,

As they speed poor humans home.

You spied for the day, you lied for the day,

And worked for the day's red spleen.

Monster, who asked God's aid divine,

Then strewed His seas with ghastly wine,

Not all the waters of the Rhine

Can wash thy foul hands clean.

You dreamed for the day, you schemed for the day,

Watch how the day will go.

Slayer of age, and youth, and prime

(Defenseless slain for never a crime),

Thou art steeped in blood as a hog in slime,

False friend and cowardly foe.

You have sown for the day, you have grown for the day,

Yours is the harvest red.

Can you hear the groans and the awful cries?

Can you see the heap of slain that lies,

And sightless, turned to the flame-split skies,

The glassy eyes of the dead?

You have wronged for the day, you have longed for the day,

That lit the awful flame.

'Tis nothing to you that hill and plain

Yield sheaves of dead amid the grain;

That widows mourn for their loved ones slain,

And mothers curse thy name.

But after the day there's a price to pay

For the sleepers under the sod,

And *He* you have mocked for many a day—

Listen and hear what *He* has to say:

“Vengeance is Mine, *I will repay.*”

What can *you* say to God?

—Rudyard Kipling.

"You French are good jokers," he said, and asked for breakfast. Half an hour later, when told to get ready for execution, he protested. "You are carrying the thing too far, you forget who I am." The officer responded,—“On the contrary, we know who you are; we remember quite well—only too well.”

In 1913 Lieut. Von Forstner of the 91st German Regiment used abusive language and insulted the French flag, while warning the Alsatian conscripts against listening to French agents, who the Germans claimed were inducing men to join the Foreign Legion.

On Nov. 29, 1913, at Severne near the Rhine-Marne Canal, the civilians assembled in protest. The soldiers charged the crowd, arrested the Mayor, two judges, and a dozen other prominent citizens who in respect for the universal demand of the population were later released,—while the officers responsible for the outrage were court-martialed and acquitted.

A short time afterward Lieut. Von Forstner had a dispute with a lame shoemaker and cut him down with his sword.

This brutal act resulted in the officer's being again court-martialed for wounding an unarmed civilian. Sentenced to a year's imprisonment, said sentence was annulled by a higher court, who claimed that he acted in "supposed self defense."

The demand for justice caused by the injustice of the decision was so loud and threatening that the Reichstag was compelled to investigate the matter. For the first time in the German Empire a vote of censure was passed on the Government, 293 to 54.

This vote, which challenged the supremacy of the military dynasty, together with the refusal of the Social Democrats in the Reichstag to stand up and cheer the Kaiser, was one of the determining factors of the war.

In the spring of 1915 the Foreign Legion in Europe consisted of four regiments. In November, the small nucleus gathered about the 1st Regiment was all that remained of those splendid men.

The 2nd Regiment, after passing the winter of 1914-15 at Croanelle in front of Croane, went into the Champagne attack, September 25, 1915, with 3,200. October 28th but 825 survived. These were merged with the 1st Regiment.

The 3rd Regiment, officered by Parisian firemen, had a very brief and sanguinary existence, and later were also merged with the 1st Regiment.

The 4th Regiment, the Garibaldians, 4,000 strong, after a famous bayonet attack in Argonne, captured three lines of trenches, losing half their effectives, including the two Garibaldi brothers, Bruno and Peppino. The survivors went to Italy to aid their own country, upon her entry into the war.

Many English, Russians, Italians, Belgians went home during that summer. When Legionnaires marched inside the long range of heavy German guns, with attacks and counter-attacking machine gun emplacements, with wire entanglements in front, which, owing to shortage of artillery, could not be blown up or destroyed, but must be hand-cut, or crawled

through, is it any wonder they were scattered? Killed, missing, the hillsides were dotted with their graves; their wounded were in every hospital.

During this last generation, the Foreign Legion made history in the sand-swept plains of the Sahara and in the spice-laden Isle of Madagascar. They marched to Peking during the Boxer troubles, fought against the pig-tails in Indo-China, and the women warriors of Dahomey. They have been in every general attack of the present great war.

Advancing steadily, fighting side by side with the magnificent French Regiments who regard the Legion with respect, almost with jealousy,—the Legionnaire feels himself a personage. His comrades have suffered and died by thousands to gain the position the Regiment holds. Each living member must now maintain that enviable record.

July 14, 1917, anniversary of the fall of the Bastille, Independence Day of France, the For-

eign Legion was decorated with the braided cord, the Fouragere, the color of the Medaille Militaire, by President Poincaré. The only other regiment permitted to wear that decoration is the 152nd, which has been cited four times. The Legion now stands cited five times in the orders of the day.*

The fifth citation of the Foreign Legion reads:

“General Orders, No. 809.

“The General commanding the 4th Army Corps cites to the order of the Foreign Legion: Marvelous Regiment, animated by hate of the enemy, and the spirit of greatest sacrifice, who on the 17th of April, 1917, under the orders of Lieut. Col. Duritz hurled themselves against the enemy, strongly organized in their trenches, captured their front line trenches against a heavy machine gun fire, and, in spite of their chief's being mortally wounded, accomplished their advance march by the orders of Col. Deville under a continuous bombardment, night and day, fighting, man to man, for five uninterrupted days, and, regardless of heavy losses and

*July, 1918. The Legion has again been decorated, this time with the Legion of Honor.

the difficulty of obtaining ammunition and supplies, made the Germans retreat a distance of two kilometers beyond a village they had strongly fortified, and held for two years.

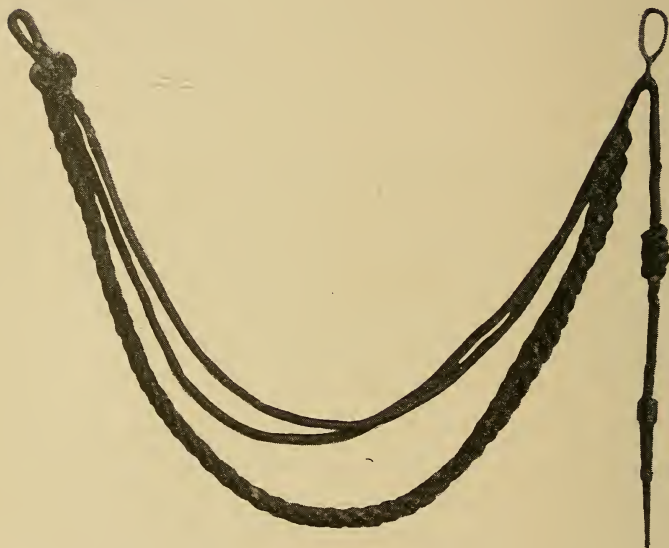
“THE COMMANDING GENERAL,
“Authoine.”

During the attack on the Bois Sabot, September 28, 1915, a captured German exclaimed: “Ha, ha, La Legion, you are in for it now. The Germans knew you were to attack; they swore to exterminate you. Look out. Go carefully. Believe me, I know. I am an old Legionnaire.”

Previous to this, Germany, incensed by the thousands of Alsatians and Lorraines in the Legion, whom German law practically claims as deserters from that country, served notice that any captured Legionnaire would be shot. So the Legionnaires hang together. They stay by one another. They never leave wounded comrades behind.

The Germans promised no mercy. The Legion adopted the motto: “Without fear and without pity,” and on the flag is written,

“Valor and Discipline.” The march of the Foreign Legion, roughly interpreted, reads:



FOURAGERE OF THE FOREIGN LEGION

Here's to our blood-kin, here's to our blood-kin,
To the Alsatian, the Swiss, the Lorraine:
For the Boche, there is none.

In Artois, after the Legion attacked and captured three lines of German trenches, in 1915,

a captured officer, interviewed by the Colonel of the Legion, said:

“Never have we been attacked with such wild ferocity. Who are those white savages you turned loose upon us?”



EDGAR BOULIGNY, AMERICAN EX-SOLDIER

Sergeant in the Foreign Legion, Aviator of French Expeditionary Force in Serbia and Albania. Three times wounded, decorated for bravery, best boxer and runner in his company, hard-boiled, red-blooded American.

CHAPTER III

AMERICANS IN THE LEGION

The world's one organization which, for a century, has offered refuge to any man, no matter what nor whence, who wished to drop out of human sight and ken, does not, for obvious reasons, maintain a regular hotel register and publish arrivals.

Records of the Foreign Legion are open to no one. This picturesque aggregation of dare-devil warriors neither supports nor invites staff correspondents. Even the names used by the gentlemen present do not, necessarily, have any particular significance.

The American was a new element in this polyglot assembly. If there is anything he excelled in, it was disobedience. Independence and servility do not go hand-in-hand. He considered himself just as good as anyone placed in authority over him. He knew that he must

obey orders to obtain results, that obedience was the essence of good team work; but he wanted no more orders than were necessary. He was willing they should be neutral,—who had not the courage to stand up for their convictions. His conscience had demanded that he put himself on the side of Right. Always courteous to strangers, Americans would dispute and wrangle among themselves. They had a never-failing appetite, also a peculiar habit of cooking chocolate in odd corners,—contrary to orders. They never would patch their clothes. They did no fatigue duty they could dodge. They carried grenades in one pocket and books in another, and only saluted officers when the sweet notion moved them.

Dennis Dowd, of New York City, and Long Island, a graduate of Columbia University and of Georgetown, District of Columbia, a lawyer by profession, of Irish descent, a fine soldier, passed the first year in the trenches and was wounded October 19, 1915. We were in the same squad—were wounded different days—again met in same hospital. While in hospital, he received a package from the ladies of the American Church of the Rue de Berri, Paris, in which was a letter. This was followed by correspondence, later a daily correspondence. Then came an invitation to pass his furlough with new found friends. Inside of twenty-four hours after meeting, this hard-headed lawyer was affianced to the lady, daughter of a professor at the Sorbonne. He entered, for the study of aviation, the Buc Aviation School, and stood at the head of a class of fifteen aspirants. While making a preliminary flight, previous to obtaining his brevet, he was killed, August 11, 1916. In life he showed a contempt

A corporal who, for safety first, changed from Battalion C to Battalion G, speaking of early days said: "The Americans were the dirtiest, lousiest, meanest soldiers we had. They would crawl into their dugout, roll into their blanket; and, when I went to call them for duty, the language they used would burn a man up, if it came true. Yes," he continued, "one night I heard an awful noise down the trench;—it was bitter cold and sound traveled far, so I hurried on to see what was wrong. A little snot from New York was making all the racket. He jumped up and down, trying to keep warm, his feet keeping time to his chattering teeth, till he wore a hole through the snow to solid footing. Every time he jumped his loaded rifle hit the ground."

of danger. He passed away with a smile on his lips. His body was buried at Asnieres, near St. Germain.

D. W. King, Providence, R. I., member of a family connected with cement products interests in England and America, a Harvard graduate—of uncomplaining and unflinching disposition, though small in stature, he was great in courage. I have seen him marching without a whimper when his feet were so sore that only the toes of one foot could touch the ground. He always had an extra cake or two of chocolate, and was willing to divide with the individual who could furnish fire or water. He changed from the Foreign Legion to the 170th in 1915, and was seriously wounded in 1916. On recovery he went into the Aviation.

Edgar Bouligny, a real American from New Orleans, Louisiana, had served two enlistments in the U. S. Army. His father was minister to Mexico, and during the civil war threw

"You fool, don't you know that thing will go off?"

"Don't I know. Of course I know. What do I care? Do you know what happened in Section 2 last week, when a gun went off?"

"No."

"It accidentally killed a corporal!"

The officers, however, noticed, after the first shock of misery and suffering, that they pulled themselves together, tightened their belts and made no complaint. On the rifle range, they held the record. On route march, they were never known to fall out. In patrol work, between the lines, others would get all shot up and never come back. The Americans always got there; always returned; if shot up, they

himself on the side of Human Liberty, as the son, later, put in his fortune and health for International freedom. He went from Alaska to France. He rose to be sergeant in the Foreign Legion. He was three times wounded, then transferred to the Aviation. Obtaining his brevet in three months, he went to Salonica, Albania, Greece and the Balkans. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre, with silver star, in January, 1917.

J. J. Casey, a cartoonist from San Francisco, California, went into the Foreign Legion in the early days and is still going strong. Naturally of a quiet disposition, he will fight at the drop of the hat, on provocation. He was shot in the foot September 25, 1915, was in the hospital of the Union de Femmes of France at Nice and went back to the front, where he still remains.

Arthur Barry, Boston, Massachusetts, formerly a gunner



EIGHT AMERICANS OF THE LEGION
(Taken on the Summit of Ballon d'Alsace, August, 1915)

Left to right—Zinn, wounded; Seeger, killed; Narutz, killed; Bowe, wounded; Boulligny, wounded three times; Dowd, killed; Scanlon, wounded; Nelson, killed.

brought back their comrades. They were soon looked upon with respect and pride. They learned faith in their officers. The officers, in turn, found them dependable.

It was customary for visiting officers to ask to see the Americans. When so ordered, this aggregation of automobile racers, elephant hunters, college students, gentlemen of leisure, professional boxers, baseball players, lawyers, authors, artists, poets and philosophers, were trotted out, and stood silently in line, while Sergeant Morlae, his head on one side, extending his finger with the diamond on would say,—

“These are the Americans, mon General.”

on U. S. battleship Dakota, now acts as an Irish battleship ashore and throws grenades on the dry land Boche, whenever an opportunity occurs,—of a happy, devil-may-care disposition, all work is a lark to him, while growling and his temperament are total strangers. Twice wounded, the last time I saw him was in hospital at Lyons, where he was waiting till a shell splinter could be extracted. He had already decided that he would go direct to the front instead of the regimental depot on recovery. He was decorated for bravery at Chalons, July 14, 1917. Was later transferred to the American Engineers, wearing the red fouragere of the Legion of Honor.

James J. Back, an engineer by profession, who spoke French fluently, went from the Foreign Legion to the Aviation in the early part of 1915. It was announced in “La France,” Bordeaux, September 2, 1917, that he was taken

Did they like it? They did not. They were unable to vent their rage on the general; but they did on Morlae. True, he had made soldiers of them, in spite of themselves. He had shamed, bluffed, bullied, scolded them into being soldiers. They did not mind that. They knew it had to be. But, being placed on exhibition got their goat.

However, each man carved out his own particular block and put his mark thereon. Strong characters, they cannot be passed over living, or forgotten dead. M. Viviani said, at Washington:—"Not only has America poured out her gold, but her children have shed their blood for France. The sacred names of America's dead remain engraved in our hearts."

prisoner by the Boche. When his machine broke, he fell inside the German lines. He was taken before a court martial, charged twice with being a Franc-tireur American, which called for the death penalty; but was twice acquitted. He still languishes in prison. The published account is true; but it did not mention that the news was over two years old.

Bob Scanlon, professional boxer, soldier of the Legion, kept having narrow escapes from death so often that he became a mascot of good luck. In civilian life he had whipped Mar-Robert, Marthenon, and Joe Choyński—even the Boche shells respected him! He changed from the Foreign Legion into the 170th, then went into the machine gun company. He lost his good luck. He found a piece of shell which ripped him up badly. Two years later, September, 1917, in Bordeaux, coming back to his old gait, he gave a boxing exhibition with Lurline, the French Champion.

About the time the United States entered the war, the Americans of the Legion offered their services to the American Government at home and were not then accepted and the following letter, among others, was sent to the New York Herald by a French lady:—

“American Veterans in France.

“April 28, 1917.

“Sir:—May I ask through your columns why it is that those few Americans, brave enough to seek voluntarily, while their country was still neutral, the ranks, of our army, have not yet been claimed by their own Government, whose citizens they remain, while all at home are apparently receiving commissions and

Laurence Scanlon, wounded in the Foreign Legion, went into Aviation, dropped his aeroplane through, and into, a cook-house. His captain running, expecting to find a corpse, met Scanlon coming out the door, who saluted and reported himself present,—“It is I, mon capitaine, just arrived.”

John Brown, American citizen, got mixed up with a shell explosion in the September, 1915, attack in Champagne. All his comrades were killed; but this tough nut has just been blown about till he is bent double and one eye is almost gone. He has been in eleven hospitals during twenty-three months. In August, 1917, he was ordered to go to regimental depot for two months “Inapt.” The regimental doctors gave him an examination, then sent him back to hospital.

F. Capdevielle, New Yorker, splendid fellow, after a year in the Foreign Legion changed to the 170th, where he rose to be sergeant. But a young man, he has a great record for

honor, are these men to remain sergeants and soldiers in the French Army, unrecognized and unhonored by their mother country?

"To me, their part was such a beautiful one, to leave home and luxury and peace for this carnage to follow their ideals, to risk death voluntarily, if it aid their friends.

"Surely, your people cannot understand how deeply the spirit of those boys has touched the hearts of French women in these trying times. And, now that the spirit of your people has risen to their side, are these leaders to be forgotten?

"The two aviators, Genet and Hoskier, who have died since April 3, were in French uniform. Frenchmen respect them; do not Americans?
A French Mother."

longevity, having been through the successive attacks of the two regiments *volanté*, without receiving a scratch, though he was used up physically in the spring of 1917, and put in a couple of months recuperating in Paris. He was decorated for gallantry, at Verdun, in the spring of 1916. Killed, Oct. 3, 1918, by a bullet through the forehead as he led his men in attack at Arpeuil.

Tony Pollet, champion boxer, from Corona, New York, came to America with his parents, had his first papers—was the tallest, best-built man in his company—a terror on wrong doers—in social life as gentle as a woman. The boxing match between him and Bob Scanlon at Auxelle Bas, Alsace, will pass down in the traditions of the Legion for all time. Later Tony whipped the three cooks. He was put in charge of the kitchen for punishment; but he got into disgrace again because the Legionnaires caught a pet cat, skinned it and

The Continental edition of the New York Herald is not a mail order catalogue, or a political organ, it is a real newspaper, and the only American journal published in France. It is well printed on good paper. It records the doings of society. Its columns are open to the opinions of others. It publishes the most cutting criticism of its own policy with the greatest of pleasure. It prints every appeal for charity—from humans to cats.

It fought for International Honesty, when leaders and trimmers were silent. When the leaders woke up, it pushed. Its accurate information, often suppressed by the censor, makes every blank space an honor mark. While the editor, like the petite Parisienne, whose demure

threw it into the soup. Living on his income of one cent a day, as he had no money, too proud to expose his financial condition, he did not go to Paris, July 4, 1915, but suffered his martyrdom in silence. Wounded in Champagne in 1915, also on the Somme in 1916, when permission came for a furlough in America, he had forty-two cents. He stowed away on a Trans-Atlantic steamer to New York, where the authorities claimed he was not an American. If he had declared his intention to be an American, he had lost the evidence. So they locked him up two days at Ellis Island. When in hospital one night, he stole out to see his girl, caught, and standing before the medical board, who threatened to revoke his convalescence, he replied hotly—"You do that, and I will make you more trouble than you can shake off the rest of your life. You must not think you are handling a Legionnaire from Africa now. I will show you what a real American

eyes cannot conceal the lurking mischief within, just writes enough editorially to make the reader wish for more.

Its vigorous American attitude in 1915 and 1916 gave the French people hope. It gave the repatriated American comfort, for it strengthened his convictions. He felt better for knowing that some, at least, of his countrymen had the courage to stand up for the cause he was willing to die for. So, he went forward cheerfully. He knew he was following the right path and that he was not alone. The Herald gave him comfort. It sustained him in adversity.

Legionnaire can do!" The old Colonel, a judge of men, spoke up;—"Silence yourself. Attention, eyes front, about face, forward march." Tony walked away; but he got his furlough.

George Peixotto, painter by profession, brother of the President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris, joined the Foreign Legion and was detailed to the 22nd artillery. Now, instead of making life-like figures, he makes figures lifeless!

Bullard. After the Champagne attack, in 1915, was changed from the Legion to the 170th, then again into the Aviation. A busy man, he managed to dodge the Boche bouquets, and, so far, he has kept right side up with care. Always likes to have Old Glory in sight.

Bob Soubiron, in civil life a racing automobilist, former racing partner of Ralph de Palma. After a year of active service with the Legion, he was wounded in the knee and evacuated. He concluded that was too slow. So, in order to get a touch of high life, he went into the Aviation. He was decorated for bravery with the following citation:—"Soubiron, an American, engaged in the French service since the beginning of the war,—member of the Foreign Legion, took part

CHAPTER IV

FIRST AMERICAN FLAG IN FRANCE

Americans in the Legion came and went. Singly or in groups they went, wounded into hospitals, prisoners into Germany. Dead, they took the western trail. Missing, they disappeared into oblivion. A few were permitted to exchange into French Regiments, where, mothered by France, they were welcomed as her own.

August 21, 1914, in the court yard of the Hotel des Invalides, occurred that grand

in battle of the Aisne, 1914, and the attack in Champagne, 1915;—wounded October 19, 1915, entered Aviation and proved a remarkable pilot—forced an enemy to fall in October when protecting aviators who were attacking an enemy's observation balloon."

Lincoln Chatcoff, Brooklyn, New York, one of the old originals, went from the Legion into Aviation and was decorated with the Croix de Guerre. Unable to get permission to go to England, he demanded a pass to Paris. He went to the Minister of War's office, explained his case, and said,—

"Now, I want to know the truth."

"About what?"

"Whether I am a Legionnaire or an Aviator?"

"You look like an Aviator."

"Well, am I one or not?"

mobilization of foreigners, who, in admiration for France, placed their lives at her disposal. Grouped together, each under a separate standard, these cast the vote of inspiring constituents, lovers of freedom, back home.

Next day, the American volunteers assembled at No. 11 Rue de Valois, and had breakfast through the courtesy of M. Georges Casmeze at the Café de la Regence. Starting out from the Palace Royale in the Latin Quarter, that corner of old Paris where, in by-gone days, Camille Desmoulins jumped on a chair and made the speech that started the French Revolution, these latter day revolters against the "Divine Right of Kings" and absolute monarch-

"You must be one."

"Am I one or not?"

"Yes."

"Then I demand to be treated as one."

"What do you want now?"

"Permission to go to England."

He got it.

He became an expert in his line. He used to take his old friends up in the air, ask them if they had been to confession, or had said their prayers, then turn a double somersault, finish with an Egyptian side wiggle and land his victims, gasping for breath. On June 15, 1917, he had aloft an American ambulance man, who was killed by the process. Chatcoff, himself, was sent to the hospital for repairs.

Kroegh was in the Legion the first year. He went down with the boys to the Fourth of July wake in Paris. Then

ism began the greatest adventure the world has ever known.

The volunteers marched through the Place de l' Opera, Phelizot carrying high and proudly the Stars and Stripes, which received a great ovation en route. Thence to the Gare St. Lazare, to Rouen, where they met retreating English soldiers, many wounded and utterly exhausted. Thence to Toulouse, whence, after a very brief training, they were sent to the front.

February, 1915, in the village of repose there occurred one of those lamentable misunderstandings, which, in spite of official far-sightedness, occasionally happen in the best regulated organizations. Begun in fun, it ended in

he went to Norway, where he organized and brought back a detachment of Norwegian Ski-runners, who hauled provisions and wounded men over the snow-clad hills of the Vosges in the winter of 1915-1916.

Eugene Jacobs, from Pawtucket, Rhode Island, went from the Legion to the 170th, where he became one of the best liked sergeants. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for bravery. A butcher by trade, he now carries a carving knife on the end of his rifle.

Barriere was killed at la Cote. His little brother, Pierre, 15 years old, who had come from America to be as near him as possible, was working at the American Express Company's office at the Rue d'Opera, Paris, when the bad news came. He quit his good situation, stopped correspondence with all friends, and lived through his grief silently and alone, like the little man he is.

death, and almost started a civil war between volunteers and Legionnaires.

A little New Yorker commenced to chaff and jolly a big, burly Arab, who, not understanding American methods of joshing, thought the little fellow was desperately in earnest; and, of course, he got angry, as he was expected to. What the Arab intended to reply was that he could whip two men like his tormenter. He did say he could whip two Americans. Phe-lizot, coming on the scene just then, overhearing the remark, yelled,—“You can’t whip one,” and waded in to educate the Arab.

In about two minutes, the Arab had enough, and ran among a crowd of Legionnaires for

John Laurent, a quiet, gentlemanly man, was in the Legion till October 12, 1915, when he changed into the 170th. An actor in civil life, he became a real, living actor in the most stupendous tragedy ever staged. He plays his part to perfection.

Collins, writer and journalist, passed the first year of the war in the trenches of France. Evacuated for inspection, the next we heard of him was from the Balkans. Wounded, he turned up in Paris for convalescence. Then, back to the French front. He became such a truthful and realistic writer, through actual experience, that the censor cut out the half of the last article he wrote to the New York Herald; and the public hears from him no more.

Charles Trinkard, Brooklyn, went through the Croanelle and Champagne affairs with the Foreign Legion. He was wounded in Champagne September 25, 1915. Afterwards he

protection. One of the Legionnaires swung a canteen and hit Phelizot on the head, who did not stop till he beat the Arab to the ground. Morlae, Capdevielle and other volunteers ran to Phelizot's aid. Legionnaires flocked from all corners. A pitched battle seemed imminent. An officer heard the tumult, happening along, and separated them. The Arabs were transferred to another battalion. The Americans were herded into a loft and placed under arrest; while sentinels walked underneath, with fixed bayonets, till the Arabs had been moved, bag and baggage.

The doctor who dressed Phelizot's wound probably did not know the canteen was rusty. Possibly he did not know he was hit by a can-

joined the Aviation, and was killed in combat, November 29, 1917. His machine fell into a village occupied by the Legion. A few minutes after his death permission arrived allowing him, after three years' service, to visit his American home.

Charles S. Sweeney, a West Pointer, rose in the Legion successively to corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and captain. He was wounded in the head in 1915. Decorated with the Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre, he returned to America. On the declaration of war, he became a major in the American Army and drilled rookies at Ft. Meyer, Va. He carried the colors that enwrapped O'Connel's coffin—the Stars and Stripes and the Tri-color, to O'Connel's home at Carthage, Mo.

Oscar Mouvet, San Francisco, brother of M. Maurice and Florence Walton, the dancers, joined the Legion, August, 1915. He was wounded, also decorated with the Croix de Guerre,

teen. At any rate, he did not give an anti-tetanic injection. The injured man steadily grew worse. He was not a squealer, and insisted on marching in line till the pain became unbearable. When too late, his condition was discovered. He had contracted blood poison which resulted in his death.

He was a splendid specimen of manhood, an American first, last, all the time. A dead shot, he was hunting elephants in Africa when the war broke out. In spite of having a large consignment of ivory confiscated by the Germans in Antwerp, he donated several thousand francs to the Belgian Relief Fund.

By his untimely death, the Legion lost one of its strongest characters, France a fine soldier

July 4, 1916. He served five months in the Aviation, then returned to the Legion; and in December, 1917, was again seriously wounded.

Professor Orlinger, Columbia University, New York City, put in the first winter in Croanelle, changed to the 167th, wounded and invalided home. Short of stature, the long strides he made on march, to keep step, were an additional attraction in the ever-interesting adventure.

Algernon Sartoris, son of Nellie Grant, daughter of General U. S. Grant, former President of the United States, serves at present in the Foreign Legion.

Paul Pavelka, Madison, Conn., an old timer, bound up Kiffin Rockwell's bayonet wound at Arras, May 9, 1915. It was his section that started the attack on the Bois de Sabot in Champagne in 1915. Orders came to reconnoitre the Boche position. Everybody knew that these trenches were German.

and America a good citizen. He was buried at Ferme d' Alger. His last words, were,—“I am an American.”

The flag was carried by Phelizot until his death. Then, Bob Soubiron wrapped it about his own body and so kept it until he was wounded in October, 1915. On his recovery, February, 1916, it was taken to the Aviation, and, July 14, 1917, presented, by Dr. Watson, to the French Government. It was deposited in the Hotel des Invalides along with the other historic battle flags of France. The Minister of War acknowledged its receipt,—“I accept with pleasure, in the name of the French army, this glorious emblem, for which General Noix, Governor of the Invalides, has reserved a beau-

They could see the rifles of the soldiers over the trench tops. Musgrave said, “Let’s go see what in hell sort of a show they have over there.” The section, about forty men, went and just two, Pavelka and Musgrave, both Americans, came back. After fourteen months in the trenches, he changed to the Aviation. He, a splendid marksman, put twelve bullets out of twelve shots, into a moving target at one hundred yards. Killed near Monastir, November 1, 1917, buried at Salonica.

Frank Musgrave, San Antonio lawyer, a long-limbed raw-boned Texan, not only looks but acts the part. Original as they make them, even in original states. It was a joy to meet such a character. After dodging death in Champagne, he changed into the 170th and at Verdun was captured during an attack, in the spring of 1916, by the Boche. He is now a prisoner in Germany.

Frank J. Baylies, New Bedford, Mass., drove ambulance

tiful place in the Hall of Honor in the Museum of the Army."



United States Army
INDIVIDUAL SERVICE
MEDAL

Spanish-American War
1898



United States Army
INDIVIDUAL SERVICE
MEDAL

Philippine Insurrection
1899

in Serbia in 1916. Went into the French Aviation. At Lufberry's death, he became the leading American Ace and was himself killed June 17, 1918. The news of how he was shot down in combat with German aviators, and went to his death among the flames of his machine on German soil, was brought in a letter dropped by an enemy pilot. He brought down 11

CHAPTER V

FOREIGNERS IN THE LEGION

Within this present generation, men like Lord Kitchener, King Peter of Serbia, Vernof, a Russian prince, and Albert F. Nordmann, who died in Algeria and was reported a relative of Kaiser Wilhelm II, belonged to this famous corps. This chapter presents some illustrious foreigners who have served during this war.

Nagar Aza, son of the Persian minister to France, decorated for bravery and three times cited in Army Orders, again cited and deco-

Boche machines, was promoted to lieutenant, and decorated with the Legion of Honor.

David E. Putnam, Brookline, Mass., descendant of General Israel Putnam, succeeded Baylies as chief American Ace with 12 Boche machines to his credit. In the month of June, 1918, he brought down seven machines. Killed in combat September 18, 1918.

Paul Ingmer, New York City, American of Danish extraction, joined the Legion in 1916, went up on the Somme for a preliminary, though bottled up in the Legion, like Johnny Walker's whisky, is still going strong, and getting better with age.

Nicholas Karayinis, New York. One of the Americans who lived to tell about it. Changed from Legion to American Army.

Cyrus F. Chamberlain, Minneapolis, Minn. Killed in com-

rated for brilliant conduct at Auberive, April 17, 1917.

Edwin Bucher, a Swiss sculptor, pupil of Roden and Bourdelle, has marked the resting places of the Foreign Legion by carving exquisite figures on the solid walls of everlasting rock.

Marquis de Montesquion, compelled to leave the French Army because his Catholic soul would not permit him to dismantle churches, joined the Foreign Legion. On Sept. 28, 1915, when acting as Lieutenant in Battalion G, 2nd Legion, he saw a German white flag projecting from the enemy's position. He went over with eight men to take possession and all were shot down by the treacherous enemy and killed.

bat while he and a Frenchman were fighting twelve German aviators. Odds 6 to 1. Chamberlain's number, "Spad 98," indicated that he flew a Spad machine. He was the last American in the Lafayette Escadrille, which he refused to leave, fearing that elsewhere he'd miss the fighting. Though he lost his life, he gained the admiration of a brave people, and freely gave his blood to cement the tie that binds the two Republics. Decorated with the Croix de Guerre. Buried at Coulommiers.

Harold E. Wright. Along with others, had much trouble getting discharged from the French army. June 6, 1918, was ordered to Paris to be transferred to American Army. No papers. Waited around for weeks. Went to French Minister of Aeronautics for information. Was told to report to the Commander of the Fourth Army at the Front, where he was arrested as a deserter, and ordered to be shot at sunrise.

M. Lobedef, a Russian, promoted to lieutenant in 1915. He later returned to Russia and became Minister of Marine.

Abel Djebelis, a Maltese, winner of the Marathon race between Windsor and London, England, June, 1914. He was wounded at Champagne in 1915 and on the Somme in 1916, by two bullets each time. While waiting to be mustered out at Lyons, July, 1917, he entered a race under the name of Marius, and won from twenty competitors. Discharged for disability.

M. Valsamakis, a Greek, rose to a lieutenancy in the Legion and was decorated with the Legion of Honor. He returned home and was arrested in Athens for participating in the street riots of December, 1916.

Friends interceded, and he was ordered to report at the Bureau of Recruitment, Paris, where he received his discharge from the French Army, dated January 21, several days before he was sentenced to be shot. Again arrested on orders of the Prefect of Police, an examination of his papers resulted in his being catalogued with the U. S. Army. Provost Marshal receipted for him as for a bale of merchandise.

Manual Moyet, Alabama. American Legionnaire, wounded near Soissons, May, 1918. Three times cited for bravery. Last citation: "Legionnaire Manual Moyet, during the Vilers-Bretionneaus combat, withstood effectively with his automatic rifle, the enemy machine guns, deciding the progress of his section. Afterwards he broke up several counter attacks along the front." He wrote from a hospital bed to a friend, "Believe me, I am sure that after the war it is going to be the greatest honor to have served in the Foreign Legion. I

Piechkoff Gorky, Russian, son of Maxim Gorky, the novelist, had an arm blown away by a shell. He received the Legion of Honor for bravery and is now attached to the Russian Mission in France.

Bruno and Peppino Garibaldi, Italians, sons of an illustrious father, killed in bayonet attack in Artois, spring of 1915. French admirers have had their profiles, in a medal, fitted into the statue of Garibaldi in the Square Lowendal, Paris. The square is named for one Legionnaire, the statue is built for another.

Eilyaken, an Egyptian, was attending the Conservatory of Music at Brussels when the war broke out. A natural born actor, he bur-

am getting better and hope to be ready for duty in a month. As I grow older I understand things better and better; we are not fighting for fun, but for liberty. After you have killed two or three Boches you do not mind dying. The spirit of the Legion is wonderful, although many of the most famous of the Legionnaires are dead. Should I live to be a hundred years, I shall never forget a man from my section who, mortally wounded, lay between the lines shouting, 'Vive la France, Vive la Legion. I die, but I am satisfied to die for Liberty!'"

Elof Nelson, a real, quiet, pleasant man, changed from the Legion to the 170th. The only Swede in the Legion at that time, he adopted the Americans. He was killed on the Somme in 1916.

George Marquet, New York, three times wounded—the last time on July 1, 1916, at Hill 304, near Verdun. His com-

lesqued the military system of the Legion so accurately that the sous-officers managed to keep him in prison in order to silence his cutting sarcasm. He was shot, square through both cheek bones, in the Champagne attack, in 1915, and carried to shelter on the back of an officer. Mustered out in 1916.

An East Indian, name unknown, blew in, with a blaze of glory, between two French military policemen. He was dressed in English khaki—leggings, spy-glass, map-book, canteen, haversack, spurs, a brand new English rifle, with a pocket full of 100 franc notes.

“What is that, an English soldier?”

“No, a civilian.”

Such he proved to be, a practicing physician

pany, the 8th of the 6th Regiment of the Line, after defending the hill against continued Boche attacks, out of 200 men, had only one sergeant and twenty-four men at the close of that memorable day.

Jack Noe, Glendale, L. I., Foreign Legion, was wounded in the attack near Rheims in the spring of 1917, and captured in the general mix-up. He escaped and made his way back to the French lines.

R. Hard, Rosebank, Staten Island, New York, having only one eye, went into the gas manufacturing works, and commenced to fill gas shells with a bicycle pump. Gradually, the business developed till ten men could turn out 1,875 shells every ten hours. A thin, wiry man, the gas fumes affected his heart. Stout men get the poison in the lungs.

Henry La Grange went to France at the outbreak of war and was ordered to the Foreign Legion: “No,” he said, “I

in London, who had equipped himself, and arrived at the little village where the Legion was in repose. A stout man, the officer in command, addressed the East Indian,—

“Why don’t you report yourself at headquarters?”

“How can I report myself, till I can find the place to report?”

“Why don’t you report to your superior officer?”

“I can’t report to him till I can find him, can I?”

“Don’t you know I am your superior officer;—why don’t you salute?”

“If you are, consider yourself saluted.”

The Major roared, in disgust—“Here, sergeant, take this fool to prison.”

want to go to my grandfather’s regiment, the 8th. If I can’t join that I will not go at all.” His great-grandfather had fought in Egypt. The grandson, following the old man’s footsteps, rose to the rank of sergeant. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre and, later, detailed to America to instruct the growing army in artillery observation.

Mjojlo Milkovich, of San Francisco, a professional boxer, left the Golden West with \$6,000 in his pocket and an elaborate wardrobe. He was torpedoed in the “Brindisti” and, after five hours in the water, reached shore, naked as the day he was born. At Corfu, Greece, he joined the French Army, was wounded on the Bulgarian front and tended in the Scottish Woman’s Hospital at Salonica. After his recovery he went direct to the front, and, again severely wounded, was sent to France. At quarters one day he accosted me:

“What, you understand English?”

De Chamer, Swiss, a major in the Swiss National Army, fought his way up in the Legion from a private to a captaincy. The Swiss residents of Paris showed appreciation of their countrymen in the service of France by inviting them to a banquet held in the Palais d'Orsay, on Independence Day, Aug. 1, 1917.

Emery, Swiss, a student of Oxford University, England, outspoken, independent and intelligent—a good comrade, was killed on the Somme, July, 1916.

Ben Azef, an Arab, an Oriental priest, always wanted water, when there was none. He would flop onto his knees, face toward the East, and bow his forehead to the ground. Then get up

"Yes."

"Are you an American?"

"Yes."

"So am I,—can't speak a word of French."

The three main cords of his leg were severed by shell splinters. He chafed at the slow hospital life, and, every second day, he pounded the doctors on the back. "Why don't you let me go back to America? You have got my leg, you know I can never march again. Why don't you let me go home?" He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre, with the following citation: "A very good soldier, seriously wounded, advancing resolutely to attack a village very strongly fortified."

I asked him what he saw down in the Balkans.

"I saw enough—so that I'll never forget it."

"Well, what did you see?"

on the trench and rail at the Germans for their swinish propensities and ruthless rapacity.

A shell dropped into his section. His comrades threw themselves on the ground and yelled:—"Get down, you blamed fool, you'll be killed!"

Ben Azef stood majestically erect, gazed calmly and contemplatively at the shell (fortunately it was a dud—one which fails to explode) and said,—“My friends, death to me is not destruction. It is the consummation of my material life,—the commencement of my Life Divine.”

He was shot dead through the heart, in 1916.

“I saw enough to make me sick.”

“Well, what did you see?”

“I saw boys seven and eight years old with throats cut.”

“How many did you see?”

“Seven or eight at least.”

“What else?”

“I saw young girls who tried to protect themselves with faces streaked with knife wounds—some had their noses cut off.”

“What else did you see?”

“I saw old women laying in corners dying of hunger—I saw others out in the fields eating grass.”

Milton Wright, an American citizen, born of American parents, went from Philadelphia to France on a four-masted ship. On shore, without a passport, was arrested by the gendarmes, who communicated with his captain, who replied:

Ch. A. Hochedlinger, an educated Polish gentleman, speaks half a dozen languages, was twice wounded. When in hospital, he met and married a lovely French girl from Algiers, who now conducts his business at Bordeaux, while he gives his services to France.

Michal Ballala, an Abyssinian Prince, in spite of his color, had the dainty figure and elegant bearing of a woman of fashion. He was wounded in 1915.

Colonel Elkington, of the English Royal Warwickshire Regiment, served as a private soldier in the Legion. He was seriously wounded in the attack on the Bois Sabot, Sept. 28, 1915. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre and Medaille Militaire.

"We don't want him. He is a German spy." So he was in prison four or five months. He was then told he could go into the Foreign Legion for the period of the war. He did not understand, as he could not speak French. The French officials did not speak English. He was signed up for five years. The skipper owed him several weeks' wages. His going left an opening to take back Frenchmen who would give thousands of dollars to get away and escape military service. Wright was an innocent, honest fellow, a victim of circumstances. But he felt he was wronged and would not drill. Finally, after being worried almost crazy, he was given a railroad ticket to Boulogne, and mustered out.

James Ralph Doolittle, of New York, started in the ambulance. He found it too slow for a live man, so he joined the Foreign Legion. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre, with palm. He was a splendid fellow, good soldier

One morning, on inspection, an Alsatian Captain of the Legion, noticing he was short a button, said,—“No button? Four days confined to quarters.”

Elkington replied,—“*Merci, mon capitaine.*”
(Thank you, my captain.)

On recovery from his serious wounds, he returned to England and was reinstated in his former rank.

Said Mousseine and his two brothers, sons of Sultan Ali of the Grand Comorres, who, being too old to fight, sent his best beloved to aid the country he holds so dear. Said was promoted

and a gentleman. He was three times wounded. The last time he dropped 600 feet, breaking an ankle and seriously disfiguring his face. He passed his convalescence in America, November, 1917.

Dr. Julian A. Gehrung, of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, offered his services to the then personally conducted American Ambulance. He did not know they wanted chauffeurs and drivers, who could be ordered about, rather than doctors and men of established reputation who could run their own affairs. So, he, known in America from coast to coast, was snubbed. March 24, 1917, he was offered by the French Government, the supervision of a large hospital. Accidentally meeting an American soldier of the Legion, a French officer came along, patted him on the back and said, “Ha, ha, you have got a fine appointment. You have found a compatriot. You are now satisfied.” Quick as a shot, the

to corporal and transferred to the 22nd Colonials.

Augustus St. Gaudens, cousin of the sculptor who made the Adams monument in Rock Creek cemetery, Washington, D. C., whose father lived near the old Academy of Design on Fourth Avenue, New York.

Another cousin of St. Gaudens, Homer, is in charge of the 300 men in the U. S. Army, known as the Camouflage Corps, or the army in advance of the army.

Varma,* a Hindoo, black whiskered, silent. Let those speculate about him who would, let them glean what information they could.

answer came back, "No, I am not satisfied, I want to be sent to the front."

James Paul, St. Louis, Mo., twenty years old, the first American killed in the Legion after the United States went into the war, was an enthusiastic grenadier. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for having alone, with grenades, stopped a night attack at Bellay-en-Santerre, July, 1916. He was murdered by a treacherous prisoner, whose life he had spared. Having killed the Germans in that dugout, excepting this prisoner, who threw up his hands and cried "Kamerad," Paul started to run to the next dugout, when the German

* In Aug., 1918, a man same name, same type, was arrested in Paris by the gendarmes for making and selling bogus diamonds.

M. Ariel, a Turk, dealer in antiques in civil life. He was seriously wounded on the Somme, in 1916. I met him at Legion headquarters a year later and found him carrying a purse made of his own skin.

E. Seriadis, a Greek, was a Lieutenant in the Army of Greece. He had three medals from the Balkan wars. These he refused to wear because King Constantine's face disgraced them. He was seriously wounded in the body in 1915, and, during the winter of 1916, all the toes of both feet were frozen off. At the age of twenty-three, he was mustered out—used up.

Tex Bondt, a Hollander, a wonderful character, a splendid specimen of manhood, brave

grabbed a rifle and shot him in the back through the heart. Barry and other Americans paid special attention to that prisoner. He did not die then, but, some hours later, when the Legion was being relieved, he breathed his last.

George Delpesche, of New York City, an energetic member of the Legion, and an excellent scout, a volunteer for dangerous missions, lived through places where others were killed; but he was wounded in 1916 and transferred to the 35th Regiment of the Line with headquarters at Fort Brezille, Besancon. Decorated with the Croix de Guerre for taking, alone and unaided, five prisoners.

Emile Van de Kerkove, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, of Belgian descent, three times wounded, while in the 246th Regiment, was decorated with the Medaille Militaire for having alone, with a machine gun, repelled a Boche attack. He is now in the 10th Regiment of the Line.



VOLUNTEER

JAN DER TEX BONDT

From Holland. Man of birth, wealth and title in his own country. In the Legion a private soldier. Photograph taken the day he enlisted. Seriously wounded, was cared for in the American Hospital at Neuilly. Reported dead on the field. On his return to headquarters had to prove his own identity—and he had no papers. Someone stole them as he lay wounded, unable to move.

as a lion, quick as a steel trap, the only son of a Count, with an unbroken lineage, extending back for 800 years, his record in the Legion would fill a book.

He went out and captured two Germans single handed. He tried to capture a third but was discovered. He threw a grenade, and, both sides taking alarm, started an engagement. He was between the lines and was reported missing. Four hours later, he presented himself alive.

In Alsace he worked and slaved to chop up a poor peasant woman's wood-pile—just to show her a Hollander could keep his word.

William Lawrence Bresse, a son-in-law of Hamilton Fish, was killed in action.

Ivan Nock, Baltimore, Foreign Legion, formerly sergeant in the Maryland Militia, a civil mining engineer, came from Peru to help France. He was wounded in the head by an explosive bullet near Rheims, April 20, 1917. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre, with the following brilliant citation: "A grenadier of remarkable courage, wounded April 20, 1917, by a bullet in the head, just after he had shot down his fifth German. He cried: 'I will not leave the field until I have killed my sixth Boche!' He kept his word."

Paul Norton, architect, died of wounds received in action.

Kiffin Yates Rockwell, a real American, born in Atlanta, Ga. One of his ancestors was a staff officer in Washington's Continental Army. Kiffin served the first winter in the trenches with the Foreign Legion, and was wounded in a

He was shot through the lungs and taken to the hospital. Months later, reporting at the depot, he was informed that he was dead.

When on convalescence in Paris, living on one meal per day, he met one of France's most accomplished and wealthy daughters. He is now her acknowledged suitor.

Seeing him in prison one day, I asked,—

“What are you in for?”

“Nothing.”

“How's that?”

“Well, a friend in London asked me why I did not write about Legion life, and I responded,—‘My dear fellow, if I wrote you all I know

bayonet attack at Arras, June, 1915. He helped form the Franco-American Escadrille. He was killed at Rodern, in captured German Alsace, September 23, 1916, by an explosive bullet, when in combat with a German machine, and fell a few hundred yards back from the trench, within two miles of where he shot down his first Boche machine. He was decorated with the Medaille Militaire and Croix de Guerre and buried at Luxeuil, Vosges. Asked why he entered the Legion, he said: “I came to pay the debt we owe, to La Fayette, to Rochambeau.”

Paul Rockwell, brother of Kiffin, also spent the first winter in the Legion. He was badly wounded and mustered out. Remaining in Paris, he devoted his time to bringing the two Republics closer together, and easing the hardships of his former comrades in the Legion, who recognized in him a true friend. He was married to Mlle. Jeanne Leygenes, whose

about the Legion, it would make your hair stand on end!" "

Sorenson, a Dane, from Schleswig-Holstein, formerly a policeman at St. Thomas, Danish West Indies. He came to me holding a letter in his hand and said,—

"Just see here what those swine have done—they have fined my mother a hundred marks because she gave a crust of bread to a French prisoner."

Poor fellow, the last I saw of him was on Sept. 25, 1915, during the attack. He had been buried by a shell—other soldiers had run over him in the rush. After he worked through the

father was formerly Minister of Public Instruction. He is at present on the front, attached to the General Headquarters of the French Army.

Robert Rockwell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, thought cutting up as a surgeon in hospital not strenuous enough for a live wire, so he joined the Aviation to do a little aerial operating.

F. Wilson, one of the old originals, used up on the front, went into hospital service. At the regimental hospital, at Orleans, he made a specialty of tending and easing the path of poor, distressed brother Americans.

Billy Thorin, Canton, S. D., was wounded in the head at the attack of the Legion on the Bois Sabot, September 28, 1915. He returned to the front and was gassed on the Somme, July, 1916. He was fourteen months in hospital and mustered out September, 1917. Formerly, he was a marine in the U. S. Navy, also a sailor in the Chinese Imperial Navy. As a

loose earth and freed himself, I listened to him as in clumsy French, English and Danish he apologized to the captain for the broken straps of his knapsack and a lost gun. His round chest was flattened out, his face dirty and bloody, grazed by hob-nailed boots, and blood was trickling from a round hole in his forehead. The captain, a good sort, patted him on the back and told him to go to the Red Cross Station. The poor fellow staggered away and was never heard from again.

Guimeau, Mauritius Islands, a plantation owner, of French descent, under British rule, spoke French but no English. He was an energetic character and a valuable member of the machine gun section.

South Sea trader, he fought cannibals in the New Hebrides. He had been severely wounded in the Mexican War. He says: "Compared with a German, a Mexican is a gentleman."

Charles Jean Drossner, San Francisco, California, one of the old originals, went through the hard fighting in 1915. He was wounded in the hand and mustered out. He is the son of a capitalist. A snippy under-officer in the Legion, not liking his independent remarks about the size of the eats, said: "You have come into the Legion to get your belly full." The American replied, "I may not get very much food, I don't see that any one does, but I have money. Here, buy something for the boys." He opened his vest and handed over three 1,000 franc notes.

Maurice Davis, of Brooklyn, New York, rose to the rank of lieutenant and was killed in action.

Harold Buckley Willis was reported killed September 3,

In 1915, after taking several lessons in tactics, he went to the lieutenant,—

“What are we waiting here for? Why don’t we go to the front?”

“We are waiting for the guns.”

“How many are needed for our section and how much do they cost?”

“Two, at 2,000 francs each.”

“Well, here are 4,000 francs. Buy them and let us get out where we belong.”

When he was about to change to the British Army, the Colonel of the Legion, the Chief of the Battalion and the Captain of the Company waited for five minutes while the British Ambassador explained to Guineau the benefits of changing armies. After listening to the finish

1917, but later developments proved that, during a combat with German machines, he was compelled to land on German soil, August 18, and was taken prisoner.

Raoul Lufberry, Wallingford, Conn., Foreign Legion, changed to Aviation, a real cosmopolitan American, for fifteen years had roamed the two hemispheres. Crippled by rheumatism, he rode his aerial carriage and killed German aviators for recreation. He served as a United States soldier in the Philippines and held the marksmanship record in his regiment. While engaged in railroad work in India, on refusing to say “Sir” to a prominent citizen of Bombay, he lost his job, just about the time the P. C. felt the toe of Lufberry’s boot. He traveled in Turkey, Japan, China, Africa and South America. October 12, 1916, the day Norman Prince was mortally wounded, Lufberry got his fifth Boche machine. By December, 1917, he had brought down, officially, eighteen.

he said,—“Will you repeat that in French? I did not understand a word you said.” Knowing his desire to leave the Legion, his Captain asked, why he, of French descent, speaking only that language, should not be satisfied with his comrades, who were proud of him. He replied, —“The British flag is the flag of my country. It protects me. I want to protect it.” So he went to Great Britain, and the British, not knowing what to do with this handy, ready Legionnaire, sent him to school.

Dinah Salifon, son of an African King from the Soudan, Egypt, enlisted in 1914. He was promoted to a Lieutenancy and decorated with the Legion of Honor. He later became Commissioner of Police at Brazzarville.

He was the first American to be awarded the gold medal of the Aero Club of France. He was also decorated with the Croix de Guerre with six palms and a chevalier of the Legion of Honor. In the spring of 1918, he was transferred and promoted major in the American Army. Engaged in battle, a bullet from the enemy punctured his gasoline tank. He jumped from the burning machine to his death.

Joseph C. Stehlin, Sheepshead Bay, Long Island, brought down a Boche machine, when he had only been twenty days in service on the front. He attacked three enemy machines alone and brought down one with a pilot, observer, and two guns.

George Meyer, Brooklyn, New York, was killed in the Foreign Legion, by a shell, while waiting for the order to go over the top near Rheims, April, 1917.

Robert Arrowsmith, New Jersey, was wounded in the hip,

Etchevarry, a French convict, escaped from French Guiana, made his way to the United States and returned to France, under an assumed name, to fight for his native land. He enlisted in the Foreign Legion. He made an enviable record. But he was recognized and ordered to return to the penal settlement. Measures were taken in his behalf by the Society of the Rights of Men, in response to whose appeal President Poincaré signed a reprieve. Etchevarry returned to the front a free man, in December, 1915.

Nick Korneis, a Greek push-cart peddler, who used to sell bananas at Twenty-third Street and Avenue B, New York City, was decorated for bravery at Verdun, with the follow-

and lying in hospital when America entered the war. The wound not healing quickly, he objected to hospital life, because: "There is so much going on, and so much work to be done."

Dr. David D. Wheeler, Buffalo, New York, practicing physician, thought being a doctor in the rear was too much of a shirker's business. So, he went into the Legion at the front; and the Legionnaires still talk about the American, who wore no shirt most of the time, who never unslung his knapsack en route, who tented alone, who never bent the body or dodged a bullet, who was supposed killed at the Bois Sabot, but lived through it and was found in hospital. Wounded himself seriously, he had cared for others professionally in "No-Man's-Land," while under fire. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre with palm and mustered out, used up.

John Charton, Foreign Legion, seriously wounded by a

ing citation: "Korneis, Nick, Legionnaire, 11th Company, Foreign Legion—Elite grenadier, who on August 20, 1917, won the admiration of all his comrades by his courage and contempt for danger. He led his comrades to the conquest of a trench, which was defended with energy, and which was captured along a distance of 1,500 yards, after several hours of bloody combat;—took single handed, numerous prisoners;—already cited twice in Army Orders."

Rene Betrand, New Jersey, was over two years on the front, a member of the Regiment Colonial of Morocco, which is part of the famous 19th Army Corps. He received the Croix de Guerre for bravery, and at Douaumont, Oct. 4, 1915, the Legion of Honor for person-

machine gun bullet in the attack on Bellay-en-Santerre, July 4, 1916, after months in hospital, was sent back as reinforcement to a Zouave Regiment. He then went into the Aviation at Avord.

Kenneth Weeks, of Boston, 25 years old, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, author of "Driftwood," "Esau and the Beacon," "Five Impractical Plays," and "Science, Sentiment and Sense." Passed the first winter in Battalion D, of the 1st Legion in Rheims Sector. He was in the Arras attack of May 9th and 10th, and mentioned for bravery. Acting as a grenadier in an attack on Givenchy, June 17, 1915, he was first reported missing, then captured; and, several months later, officially, killed. He said, "Mother, is it not better that I should die than that the Germans should come over here?"

Paul Raoul le Dous, Detroit, Michigan, promoted to ser-

ally finishing off a Boche machine gun section and bringing in the gun. That is the record a well built, uninjured man on board ship gave me when I asked him how he had earned the Legion of Honor, and why he wore the four-agere of the Foreign Legion. In July, 1918, a man, same name, turned up in Paris decorated with nine medals, minus an arm and a leg, claiming his body bore more than 30 bullet and bayonet wounds. The gendarmes promptly arrested him as the world's greatest fakir, declared he had lost the arm and leg in a railroad accident and that five imprisonments instead of five citations composed his record.

geant, decorated with the Medaille Militaire for saving his captain's life on the Ancre.

Ernest Walbron, Paterson, New Jersey, volunteered at the start of the war, fought in Artois, Verdun and the Somme. In August, 1916, was detailed as interpreter to an English Regiment, while leading it to the front was hit by a piece of shell. As no one else knew the way, he kept going till he reached the destination, then fainted. He could not be taken back on account of the bombardment. Gangrene set in and his leg was amputated. He was decorated with the French Croix de Guerre and Medaille Militaire, also with the English Military Medal.

Andrew Walbron, brother of Ernest, decorated with the Croix de Guerre, Corporal in the 78th Regiment, has been wounded four times.

Paul Maffart, American, Foreign Legion, 19 years of age, killed.

Haviland, Minnesota, brought down his first Boche machine, April 28, 1917.

Ronald Wood Hoskier, South Orange, New Jersey, a Harvard graduate, Aviator. His father is also in France in Red Cross work. Hoskier fell while he and his companion were

CHAPTER VI

ENGLISHMEN AND RUSSIANS LEAVE

About 350 Englishmen were with the Americans in the same Battalion of the 2nd Legion. They had enlisted when the Huns were advancing on Paris. Common peril drew the bravest of all countries to the front. Possibly, they were promised later transfer to the English Army; but, once in the Legion, they were as nuns in a convent, to do as told, dead to the outside world.

An American writer has said, "England's greatest assets are patriotism and money." He overlooked the foundation of both—MEN. The

fighting six Boche machines. He and two Boche fell among the advancing English troops and were all killed, April 23, 1917. Cited in General Orders of the French Army: "Sergeant Ronald Wood Hoskier, an American, who volunteered for service in the French Army. He showed splendid conduct and self-sacrifice. He fell on April 23, 1917, after defending himself heroically against three enemy machines."

Paul Perigord, college professor, formerly an instructor in St. Paul Seminary, later a parish priest at Olivia, Minn., went to France and into the trenches at the outbreak of hostilities. Cited four times in army orders, decorated with the Croix de Guerre, promoted to a Lieutenancy in the 14th Regiment of the Line. Later, he returned to America on a patriotic lecturing mission.

Victor Chapman, son of John Jay Chapman, was one of the splendid fellows that it was a pleasure to meet and never

Englishman dares to do and does it. He knows his rights. He insists on them.

After the Germans were driven back at the Marne, with trench conditions established, these men demanded to be sent home to fight for their native land. They went to the Captain, who could not help. They went to the Colonel, who would not. They had the British Ambassador request their release from the French War Department, with no better results. Ere they were transferred, the subject was brought up in the Chamber of Deputies.

Just before they left, a number went to the company captain with their breakfasts, cups of black coffee, in their hands.

to forget. Changing from the Legion to the Aviation he was killed near Verdun, June 23, 1916, in a battle with French comrades against German machines. The "Petit Parisian" headline announcing the event, said: "The king of the air dies like a king." Harvard University students have raised a fund, known as the Victor Chapman Scholarship Fund, of \$25,000, bearing interest of \$1,000 a year, which is set aside for the education of a worthy French student. A young man from Lyons is at present at Harvard, perpetuating and cementing the ties for which Chapman gave his life.

Eugene Galliard, Minneapolis, Minn., served two years in the trenches, twice wounded, was mustered out as a lieutenant and returned to America.

John Huffer, an American of the Legion, was decorated with the Medaille Militaire, and the Croix-de-Guerre, with five citations, four being palms.

"What is this, mon capitaine?"

"Your little breakfasts, mes enfants."

"This would not keep a chipping sparrow alive—let alone a man."

"You received a half loaf of bread yesterday."

"Yes, but we ate that yesterday."

"Well, I am sorry. That is the regular rations of the French Army. I cannot change it."

Walking away, disgruntled, a cockney muttered to his comrade,—"'E thinks we are blooming canaries!"

The bull-dog tactics of the persistent English did not appeal to the officers of the Legion. Probably the last to go were Poole and Darcy,

Bennet Molter, an American, went from Mexico to France, changed his animosity from Carranza to the Kaiser; and was seriously wounded July, 1917.

Christopher Charles, of Brooklyn, New York, 21 years old, machine gun operator, has been in all attacks since September, 1914. He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre at Chalons, July 14, 1917. At Bordeaux, I met his marraine (godmother), who said,—"Yes, I know Christopher Charles. I met him when he was wounded in hospital here. That boy is an American. His place is in his own country now. I will get him out of the Legion if I have to go to Washington to do it."

Norman Barclay, New York City, formerly of Long Island, aviator, was killed by aeroplane, nose diving. Had two years' service on the front before being snuffed out. Killed June 22, 1917.

two powerful silent fellows, who were in hospital, delayed by unhealed wounds.

Originally, there were two Darcy brothers. While making a machine gun emplacement, they heard a noise in front. One of the brothers with half the detachment went out to investigate. The other stayed at work. A German shell dropped into the emplacement and killed, or knocked senseless, every man. Red Cross workers, who gathered together the mutilated and the shell-shocked Darcy, were startled to hear some one in front. Looking around, they saw the other Darcy drag his shattered limbs over the edge of a shell hole. He expired, saying, "The damned cowards ran away and left me." The others were all killed.

Robert Mulhauser entered the Legion in 1914, changed to the 170th in 1915, was decorated with the Croix de Guerre and promoted to Lieutenant at Verdun. He has been cited in Army Orders three times.

Walter Appleton, New York City, scion of the great American publishing house. The last time I met him was north of Suippe, in the middle of the night, unloading barrels from a wagon in the darkness, where the first line men connected with the commissary. Zouaves with canvas pails of wine, Moroccans carrying loaves of bread on their bayonets, Legionnaires looking after their own, and ready to pick up any straggling food. Dead horses and men lay alongside, a German captured cannon, pointed to the rear, was near-by, surrounded by broken caissons and German dead. Shells were exploding overhead. We ran into each other in the mix-up, shook hands, said "Hello," and separated into the night.

In June, 1915, after six months of constant warfare, poor food, no furloughs, cold winter weather and scanty clothing had so brought down the morale of the men that they didn't care whether they lived or not. They were absolutely fed up to the limit on misery.

Many Russian Jews volunteered, as had the English, to help France. Russia later called her subjects to the colors. Negotiations were under way in Paris to facilitate the exchange of Russians from the Foreign Legion to the Russian Army. They were informed that the Colonel had received orders to permit their return to their native land.

Possibly, the negotiations had been completed—maybe not. Perhaps the Colonel was

Alan Seeger, a Harvard graduate, killed in bayonet attack, in "No-Man's-Land," Independence Day, July 4, 1916. Buried in the Army Zone. The only tears that will water the flowers that grow on his hillside grave will be the evening dew, even as he dropped his brilliant thoughts on the close of life.

Seeger Gems:—"I love to think that if my blood has the privilege to be shed, or the blood of the French soldier to flow, then I despair not entirely of this world."

"When at banquet comes the moment of toasts, when faces are illumined with the joy of life and laughter resounds, then flows towards the lips that which I at other times much loved, from the depth of the cup with the foam, as an atom of blood on the juice of the vine."

"That other mighty generations may play in peace to their heritage of joy, one foreigner has marched voluntarily toward

not officially instructed. However, the Russian volunteers, relying on their information, when ordered to dig trenches, refused to do so. They demanded to be sent home. Officers argued with them and pointed out the penalty of refusing to obey when in front of the enemy. They didn't care, would not work, and could not be forced. So ten of the ringleaders were court-martialed, sentenced to death, taken out into the woods near the little village of Merfy, blindfolded—shot. Tearing the bandage from his eyes and baring his chest to the bullet, one cried out, "Long live France; long live the Allies, but God damn the Foreign Legion!"

Next morning the others refused to work again,—“You have killed our brothers. Kill

his heroic martyrdom and marched under the most noble of standards.”

Letter to his mother:

“I am feeling fine, in my element, for I have always thirsted for this kind of thing, to be present always where the pulsations are liveliest. Every minute here is worth weeks of ordinary experience. If I do not come out I will share the good fortune of those who disappear at the pinnacle of their careers!”

“Esteeming less the forfeit that he paid
Than undishonored that his flag might float
Over the towers of liberty, he made
His breast the bulwark and his blood the moat.”

“Under the little cross, where they rise,
The soldier rests. Now, round him, undismayed,

us also—we are not afraid to die.” They were not killed but were court-martialed and sentenced to fifteen years’ penal servitude.

The third morning, no one would work. These cheerful fatalists said, “We are Russians—our country calls us—we demand to go, and you tell us to go to work. We will not work. You killed our brothers, kill us also. You may mutilate our bodies, but you cannot crush our souls.” These also court-martialed, were sentenced to ten years’ penal servitude.

There were many Russians. They showed no disposition to yield. Russians simply do not know how to compromise. The load was getting too heavy,—even for the broad shoulders

The cannon thunders, and at night he lies
At peace beneath the eternal fusillade.”

G. Casmese, real friend, old soldier of the Legion, got mixed up and disappeared in the quick-acting movements of these chain-lightning times.

Russell A. Kelly, son of a New York stock broker, went through the hard and early fighting and was killed at Givenchy, June 17, 1915. His father, a true descendant of the Isle of Unrest, on hearing the news said,—“He did his duty—I do not complain.”

John Huffert, New York, would not drive a motor car in the rear, so he scrambled out on top. In an aeroplane, he became the hero of several desperate battles above.

Juan Roxas, Manila, Philippine Islands, son of the largest land owner in the Philippines, having absorbed American freedom, he is carrying it to Germany.

of officers of the Legion. The underground wireless had been working. A sigh of relief went up when a high Russian official, breast covered with decorations, arrived from Paris. About the same time, orders came from the French headquarters to stop proceedings. The penal servitude sentences were not carried out; but they could not bring back the dead.

Inside of one month, Battalion F of the 2nd Legion, to which the unhappy men belonged, was merged with others. In two months, the Russians were transferred to the Russian Army. Four months later, the Regiment had ceased.

William E. Dugan, 27 years old, Rochester, New York, graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, joined the Legion, September 19, 1914, changed to aviation, October 15, 1915. Decorated with Croix de Guerre, wounded at Verdun.

Kenneth Proctor Littaner, Sergeant in military life, poet in civil life, decorated and cited, as follows:—"A good pilot, brave, devoted to duty, an excellent soldier, invariably showing energy and coolness, especially on February 8, 1917, in course of an engagement with a German machine, his aeroplane hit in several places, he compelled his adversary to retreat."

Narutz, an American philosopher, a serious personage, went through the hard fighting of 1915 and was killed on the Somme July, 1916.

Norman Prince, Boston, Mass., a Harvard man of splendid character, was descending in the early darkness at Corcieux, when his machine ran into a telegraph wire and tipped. Taken to Gerardmer, while lying unconscious, the Legion of Honor was pinned to his breast alongside of the Croix de Guerre and the Medaille Militaire. That day he had brought

CHAPTER VII

TRENCHES

The real, well-made, manicured trench is from two and a half to three feet wide and eight or ten feet deep. The narrower the trench, the better. It gives the least space for German shells to drop in and blow occupants out. The more crooked the trench the better. The enemy has smaller chance to make an enfilading (raking lengthwise) fire. Here only are narrowness and crookedness virtues.

Each trench is embellished with channels, mines, saps, tunnels, subterranean passages

down a Boche machine, the third he had accounted for. Cited as follows:—"Prince, Sergeant, Pilot in Squadron V. B. 108:—An American citizen, who enlisted for the duration of the war; excellent military pilot who always shows proof of the greatest audacity and presence of mind;—ever impatient to start, he has executed numerous expeditions of bombardment, particularly successful in a region which was difficult in consequence of the firing of the enemy's artillery, by which his aeroplane was frequently hit." Killed Octobed 15, 1916.

Fred Prince, brother of Norman, is now in the aviation, while their father is one of the best friends of the Foreign Legion boys; and they, like France, do not forget.

Dr. Van Vorst, from the middle west, a Spaniash War veteran in America, adjutant in the Foreign Legion. He introduced new sanitary ideas into the camps of repose and kept the stretcher bearers busy cleaning up.

and bomb proof structures of various sorts. Out in front, are from ten to fifty yards of barbed wire entanglements, through which a Jack rabbit could not go without getting hung up. The German has about the same arrangement on his side. That piece of open ground between the German wire and the French wire is known as "No-Man's-Land." In the night, patrols of men, German and French, promenaded this strip, to guard against surprise attacks, and make observations of the enemy.

Patrols often meet in conflict. Some never come back. Others, wounded, must lie in shell holes, awaiting an opportunity to return. At the sign of an attack, darkness is lighted by star shells. It is then necessary for the patrol

William Thaw, Pittsburgh, Pa., passed the first winter, 1914-15, in the trenches with the Legion, rose in aviation to lieutenant. One of the best liked Americans in France. Cited frequently in General Orders, decorated for bravery, wounded in the arm. Promoted to Major in U. S. Army. One Citation: "Thaw, pilot, corporal at that time of Squadron C. 42:—Has always given proof of fine qualities, courage and coolness. On two separate occasions, in the course of scouting tours, his machine was violently shelled and was struck by shrapnel, great damage being done. Nevertheless, he continued to observe the enemy's positions and did not return until he had accomplished the object of his mission." Another citation: "Lieutenant Wm. Thaw, an excellent pilot. He returned to the front after receiving a serious wound, and has never failed to set an example of courage and dash. During the German retreat, he showed initiative and intelligence by landing near

to get back to the wire-cut lane, or tunneled hole under the wires where they went out, their only refuge and chance for safety.

Back of the first line trench is the second, back of that a third. In some places, there are a dozen lines of trenches, different distances apart, varying with local conditions. From the rear, at right angles, interweaving like meshes of a net, are the communication and auxiliary branches through which men bring up supplies, provisions and ammunition.

In the front line trenches, in addition to the infantry's rifles and grenades, are machine guns and trench mortars. Around the second line, the 75s and field artillery. About the third

troops on the march, so as to place them in possession of information. Brought down his second aeroplane, April 26th."

Braxton Bigelow, grandson of John Bigelow, author, New York City, a mining engineer by profession, followed this occupation in Alaska and South America, was promoted to captain in France and disappeared in a trench raid, July 23, 1917.

Henry Claude, Boston, Mass., one of the Legion grenadiers, was cited in the Orders of the Day and decorated for conspicuous gallantry at Auberive, June, 1917.

Edward M. Collier, Bass Rocks, Iowa, Aviator, injured in a smash-up June, 1917.

Elliot C. Cowdin, a Harvard man, member of the Foreign Legion, home address Gramercy Park, Manhattan, and Cedarhurst, L. I. First American to receive the Medaille Militaire. Citation:—"Cowdin, Sergeant, Pilot in Squadron V. B. 108, an

line, with the reserves, stand heavy artillery. So, when one side attacks, they must cross that open "No-Man's-Land," go through these barbed wire entanglements, meet the rifle fire and grenades of the infantry, and those three rows of artillery. You can readily see why the line remains stationary along the front for so long, also how, when it has been broken or bent, there has been such great loss of life.

It was in a bomb proof shelter of a first line trench, in the middle of the night, at Sillery-Sur-Marne, that I met the "American," whose real name was Dubois. I did not then understand French and had been placed on guard by a French corporal who could not speak English. He pointed to the hole, then at the Boche

American citizen engaged for the duration of the war; executes daily long bombardment expeditions, is an excellent pilot and has several times attacked the enemy's aeroplanes. He attacked them and forced them successively to descend; one of them appeared to be seriously damaged, as was his own and his motor by the firing from the German avion; his helmet also bore the traces of several shots."

Snowy Williams has been in different sections of the Foreign Legion, in Serbia, Albania, Egypt, Africa and France. He was gassed, wounded, taken prisoner, almost burned to death in hospital; but made his escape, was decorated with the Croix de Guerre and twice cited in Army orders. A famous jockey, he runs with the Legion rather than with horses, and comes out, in both cases, a winner.

Everett Buckley, Kilbourne, Illinois, a former racing automobile driver, having competed with Barney Oldfield. On

trench opposite, and walked away. The post was well protected by sandbags and solid timbers overhead, with an observation hole, one inch deep by three inches wide, cut into armor plate, in front. The usual, intermittent warfare was in progress, and it suddenly developed into a battle. The post was out on an angle. Rifle flashes were all about. No one was near in the open trench. So, getting uneasy, I became afraid I was cut off or left behind.

I started toward the trench just as a big shell burst there. I ducked back, concluded the sheltered post was better than the open trench, then glued my eye on the 1x3 observation hole. Yes, no doubt, the Germans were advancing in

December 15, 1917, during a battle with a two sector Boche machine, had his control cut, dropped 8,000 feet and arrived, a prisoner, in Germany. Eight months later made his escape into Switzerland.

M. Paringfield, of San Francisco, a soldier of the Legion, was shot below the knee in an attack, spring of 1917. Killed in autumn, 1917.

Allen Richard Blount, son of Richard Blount, the chemist of North Carolina and Paris, entered the Foreign Legion with his father's consent, who said he would be satisfied if the boy killed five Boches. One morning that young man brought thirty German prisoners into the French lines, received the Croix de Guerre, a brilliant citation and a trip to Paris and went back for more.

Edward Charles Genet, Sassening, New York, killed in aeroplane near Ham, buried at Golancourt in a German ceme-

mass formation. I could see, through the little hole, against the sky line, the bayonets on their guns. A noise near my ear compelled my attention. Then I felt and saw better. Those bayonets were hairs, sticking straight out from a big, fat, impudent rat, who sniffed along and looked through the hole squarely into my eye. I spat at the rat, which retreated a few inches, then stopped to await developments. This nerve angered me and I started to go outside to throw a rock at the rodent, when a voice behind said in English,—“Damn it, that cussed sergeant has plugged it up.”

From the shelter I could see a nondescript figure clad in an old, abbreviated bath-robe, tassels hanging down in front, shoes unlaced, rifle

tery. The machine was smashed, the body was placed in a wagon, drawn by one horse, which also carried the wooden cross that marked the grave. The U. S. flag covered the coffin.

F. W. Zinn, Battle Creek, Michigan, graduate of University of Michigan, passed the first year in the Legion. In Champagne attack, September, 1915, was hit by a chunk of metal which did not break the skin, but broke bones and made internal troubles. On recovery, he went into the Aviation. Later he was promoted to Captain in the U. S. Army. As modest as he is brave, decorated for gallantry, having received two citations in two weeks, he said:—“Do not say anything about me, there are too many unknown Frenchmen who deserve publicity more than I.”

Harman Edwin Hall, killed at Givenchy, June 17, 1917.

W. R. Hall, or **Bert Hall**, of the old Legion, who went

in hand, ruefully gazing at a new stack of sandbags, which blocked a small exit into "No-Man's-Land." He might have been a soldier but he did not look it. He might have been French, but America was stamped all over that free-moving, powerful figure, in his quick acting, decisive manner and set jaws, square-cut, like a paving block.

Thus, we two Americans, who had arrived from different directions, each animated by the same idea, sat down at the jumping off place amid those unnatural surroundings and got acquainted.

It was bizarre. The devilishness, the beauty, alternately, shocked the senses and threw a

into the Aviation, well-known, well-liked, good soldier, decorated with the Croix de Guerre with three citations. On furlough in America June, 1918. Author of "En l' Air."

James Norman Hall, Corporal, Colfax, Iowa, aviator, author of "Kitchener's Mob," shot down two Boche machines and destroyed a third. Four days later, June 25, 1917, fighting seven machines, was wounded, and reported killed. However, he managed to make the French territory and landed in an empty trench with the wings of his machine resting on each side. Writing to a friend, he said:—"I am flying 125 miles an hour and now I see why birds sing." Hall was the first American aviator to win the distinguished service cross of the American Army.

John Earle Fike, Wooster, Ohio, Foreign Legion, killed at Givenchy, June 17, 1915.

James B. McConnell, 28 years of age, born in Chicago,

charming spell. Darkness and grotesque shadows intermingled with colored illumination, scattering streams of golden hail, followed by red flame and acolytes, while sharp, white streaks of cannon fire winked, blinked, were lost in the never-ending din. Between the occasional roll of musketry and the rat-rat-tat-tat of machine guns, we watched the pyrotechnic display and talked.

Yes, he was an American, and had been ten months without a furlough. He had been out in front sniping all the afternoon. That cheap-skate sergeant, who is always nosing around, must have missed him and closed up the outlet.

"Yes," he soliloquized, "the world is not fit to live in any more. The Kaiser has mobilized

graduate of Haverford, Pennsylvania, and University of Virginia, a Railroad Land and Industrial Agent, by profession. Writing for an American magazine, he was killed before the material was printed. He said:—"The more I saw of the splendiddness of the fight the French were making, the more I felt like a slacker." He was decorated with the Croix de Guerre, and killed March 26, 1917, while fighting two German aviators. His body was found amid the wreckage of the machine by French troops on the advance through the devastated district. The old bullet scarred propeller from this wrecked machine, which formerly marked his grave, has now been replaced by two cannon, erected by special order of the U. S. Government. McConnell said,—“The war may kill me but I have to thank it for much.”

Schuyler Deming, American citizen, soldier of the Legion, killed in attack August, 1917.

God Almighty. The Crown Prince said he could bring the Devil from hell with his brave German band. The Mexicans broke up my business and destroyed my happy home. Here in France, they made me take off my good clothes and don these glad rags. This bath robe is all I have left of my ancient grandeur—and there is not much of it, but it is all wool and a yard wide—not as long as it used to be, but it is warm. I know it looks like hell, but it is a sort of comfort to me, and is associated with happier days.

“Yes,” he ruminated, “if I am not careful I won’t have enough left to make a pocket handkerchief. Here I have taken five or six pair of Russian socks from it, and bandaged up

Dr. James A. Blake, American Surgeon, who gave his services to France at the outbreak of the war, was requested by the French Government to take charge of a hospital with 300 beds in the Avenue du Bois du Bologne. He was decorated with the Legion of Honor.

Marius Roche, New York, arrived in France in 1914, only 17 years of age, decorated with the Croix de Guerre, wounded at Verdun.

Edward Mandell Stone, a Harvard graduate, was the first American volunteer killed in France.

N. Frank Clair, Columbus, Ohio, died in hospital of wounds received in action.

Nelson Larson, a former American sailor, was killed on the Somme on our Independence Day, July 4, 1916.

Brock B. Bonnell, Brooklyn, New York, soldier of the Legion, seriously wounded, returned home to America, dec-

Pierre's wound, and I only have enough for four more pairs of socks after I have taken some pieces to clean my rifle with."

He was a man of unusual history, even for the Legion. Some months previous, seeing an Alsatian officer strike a small man, the American stepped up and said: "Why don't you take a man your own size?" For answer the officer pulled a revolver and thrust it at his breast. Dubois, gazing down through the eyes of the officer, clear into his heart, said: "Shoot, damn you, shoot. You dare not; you have not got the nerve!"

He was an expert gymnast. He played the piano, accompanying the singers at concerts,

orated with the Croix de Guerre, the Medaille Militaire and a wooden leg.

Frank Whitmore, Richmond, Va., decorated for conspicuous bravery, on the Somme, July, 1916, wounded in the spring offensive, 1917, now in hospital, covered with bandages, medals and glory.

Edward Morlae, California, an old American ex-soldier. He served in the Philippines with the First California Heavy Artillery, then in the Mexican Civil War, then turned up in France and tried to pass Spanish conversation off for French. He was wounded in October, 1915, decorated with the Croix de Guerre; and is now in America. A good soldier and aggressive character, he is one man who will always be remembered by Americans in the Legion.

H. W. Farnsworth, Harvard graduate, Boston, Mass., killed in attack, 1915, was a correspondent of the Providence

during repose. When encored, he came back with a song in French. In conquered Alsace, he spoke German with the natives.

On the day we made the 48-kilometer march to the summit of Ballon d'Alsace and back, while the company was resting Dubois was striding up and down, knapsack on back, hands in pockets. I said: "What are you doing? Can't you sit down and rest?"

"Oh," he replied, "I was telling the lieutenant that instead of poking along with these short, fiddling steps, the men should march out like this,—like we do in America!" It is a fact that the French take the longest strides, and are the best marchers in the world!

Journal and in Mexico when the war broke out. From France in his last letter home he wrote,—“If anything happens to me you may be sure that I was on my way to victory for these troops may have been demolished, but never beaten.” He preferred to become a *Petit Zephyr de la Legion Etrangere* and to sleep, like the birds, under the open sky, surrounded by congenial comrades, exchanging horizons with each season.

J. S. Carstairs, a Harvard graduate, was a member of the Foreign Legion.

Geo. W. Ganson put in the first winter in the trenches with the Foreign Legion. He was a Harvard graduate whose ministerial manner did not prevent the mud from hanging to his clothes, nor the whiskers on his face. He was mustered out and went back to America, but he returned to France in 1917 and went into the artillery service.

Robert Pellissier, a Harvard graduate, became a sergeant

CHAPTER VIII

JULY 4, 1915

Several American journalists, "May their tribe increase!" among them Mr. Grundy, of the New York Sun; Nabob Hedin, of the Brooklyn Eagle; Mr. Mower, of the Chicago Daily News; Mr. Roberts, of the Associated Press, and Wythe Williams, of the New York Times, presented a petition to the Minister of War for the Americans to celebrate Independence Day in Paris. It was granted. The good news made a bigger noise on the front than the

in Chasseur Alpins. He was killed on the Somme, August 29, 1916.

Henry Augustus Coit, a Harvard man, died of injuries received at the front, August 7, 1916.

Robert L. Culbert, New York City, was killed in action in Belgium.

Albert N. Depew, an American youth, wears his Veterans of Foreign Wars badge beside his Croix de Guerre. He has been a gunner and chief petty officer in the United States Navy, a member of the Foreign Legion, also captain of a gun turret on the French battleship Cassard. After his honorable discharge from the American navy, he entered French service, was transferred to the Legion, fought on the west front, and participated in the spectacular Gallipoli campaign, was captured on the steamship Georgic by the Moewe, a German commerce raider, and spent months of torture in a

heaviest bomb that ever fell. It did not seem possible,—too good to be true!

Previously, no one, French or foreigner, soldier or officer, had been allowed to leave his post. From then on, everyone received his regular furlough at stated intervals—more liberal as danger lessened. Now, each man is granted ten days every four months.

Evening of July 3rd, I was on guard in front of Fort Brimont, three kilometers from Rheims, when Dubois put his head around a corner and yelled, "Come on, we are going to Paris." I paid no attention to him. I had not asked for a furlough, and, of course, did not expect any.

German prison camp. He has written a book, "Gunner Depew"; and is at present on a speech-making tour of America.

Demetire, St. Louis, Mo., soldier of the Legion, killed four Germans,—two with grenades, two with rifle, in an outpost engagement the night before the attack of April 17, 1917. Going over the top the following day, he was killed.

Henry Beech Needham, American journalist, was killed near Paris, 1915, while making a trial flight with Lieutenant Warneford, who was the first man to, alone, bring down a Zeppelin machine.

D. Parrish Starr, a Harvard graduate, was killed in action September 15, 1916.

Andrew C. Champollion, New York, an American, painter by profession, Harvard graduate, a big game hunter, went to the front March 1st, 1915. He was a descendant of the Cham-

2^m Régiment de Mante de 2^m Régiment d'Angers
Bataillon 1^{er} 2^m Compagnie

La permission de quarante huit heures est accordée
au légionnaire Bove pour se rendre à Paris
pour les papiers du 4 et 5 juillet 1915

Le Lieutenant Léprieux
E. Léprieux

A l'armée le 3 juillet 1915
Le Com. 1^{er} Comp. 2^m d'Angers

Il devra quitter le 5 juillet 1915

[Signature]

reçu par le
de tranchées qu'il
Le 2^m Régiment de Mante de
le 5 juillet 1915

A few minutes later Dubois roared, "Come on, you fool, don't you know enough to take a furlough when you can get one? All Americans can go to Paris." When the corporal came around I asked to be relieved, went to the captain and was told we had forty-eight hours permission; to pack up at once and go.

We walked through the communication trenches to battalion headquarters among falling shells. These made Dubois stop and say: "Damn it, it would just be my luck to get killed now; I would not mind if I were coming back from Paris, but if the Boche get me now I shall not be able to rest in my grave."

At the battalion headquarters we were lined up in the darkness. An officer with a flashlight

pollion, who deciphered the Rosetta Stone, and grandson of Austin Corbin. His ancestors had followed Napoleon's Eagles through Italy and Egypt; and this boy was killed by a bullet in the forehead at Bois le Pietre, March 23, 1915. In his last letter he wrote:—"Last night we slept in the second line trenches (not so bad), but today we are nose to nose with the enemy on the frontiest of fronts. It is the damndest life imaginable. You are no longer treated like an irresponsible ass, but like a man, while you live the life of a beast or a savage."

Guy Augustine, of San Francisco, son of the U. S. Consul to Barcelona, member of the Foreign Legion, was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for bravery at Chalons-Sur-Marne, July 14, 1917.

Sylvain Rosenberg, New York, 23 years of age, son of Max Rosenberg, with the 19th Company of the 251st Regi-

read off the names. Each man stepped out and received his furlough as his name was called. The officer stopped reading, Dubois still stood in line. Then he stepped up, saluted, and asked for his furlough. There was none.

It was a dramatic moment. Sergeant Bouligny came out from the darkness, and a spirited argument occurred between him and the officer. The American sergeant then came over to Dubois and said: "It's a damned shame. They held that five years (suspended sentence for sleeping, when lost by a patrol in 'No-Man's-Land') over you. Now, man to man, I want you to promise me you will go right back to your company. I told them you would. I stood good for you. The colonel must sign that

ment, wounded on the Marne, September 7, 1914;—in Argonne, December 8, 1915,—cited in the Orders of the Day,—and killed March 15, 1916, at Verdun.

The Lafayette Escadrille, No. 124, is an offspring of the Legion, formed by Rockwell, Curtis, Thaw, Hall, Back, Chapman, Cowdin and Prince, who kept pounding the Colonel of the Legion on the back, so much that he gave his consent, to get rid of them. It has formed a nucleus of All-Americans that started that immense fleet of aeroplanes,—the eyes which find weak places in the enemy's line where the Allies march to victory. First Americans to carry their national flag into action as a fighting unit, April 11, 1917. Originally called the Franco-American Escadrille, but the name was changed to satisfy pro-Germans, who claimed to be Americans. These aviators did not change their emblem. The Red Indian sign is still on the machines. The old boys from the Legion are

furlough. He is not here and we can't do a thing to help you." It was sad. The poor fellow was crushed. We walked away, leaving him in the darkness with his bitter thoughts.

We arrived at Thill near midnight and were depositing our equipment at the guardhouse when a guard came and said to me: "The sentinel wishes to see you." I went out and there was old Tex Bondt! "Yes," he said, "I am sentinel tonight. Last night I was in prison. This is it, the prisoners are out working. I drew eight days for trying to be reasonable. Reason is all right in its place, but not in the army. They nearly worked me to death. We were carrying timbers to the front line to make dugouts—three men to a stick. I was in the middle and I am six foot three!"

Next morning Bouligny and I tried to find some breakfast. The town was deserted, badly shot-up. Stores were empty, civilians gone. Prospects looked bad, when a gunny-sack was drawn back from a doorway, and a voice yelled out, in English: "Here, where

in the seat, and we hope to see every man an officer, dressed in the uniform of his own country.

in the devil are you fellows going? Come up and have a cup of coffee." It was Tony Pollet, of Corona, New York.*

In the early morning we walked fifteen kilometers to the railroad and waited for the other Americans to arrive. Capdevielle found some grease. Sweeney went to a French camp and talked some potatoes from them. So we ate "French fried," with wine, till the train started for Paris.

Dr. Van Vorst was ranking officer, but Morlae and Sweeney sparred for ground. Said Morlae to Delpesche: "You do that again and I will turn you over to the gendarmes." Delpesche replied: "Who in hell are you? I am taking no orders from you. I belong to Sergeant Sweeney's section!"

Soubiron had the time of his life. He rode down on the foot-board of the coach. He was

* In October, 1917, dressed in the French uniform, I was walking up the street near the Grand Central Station, New York. A civilian accosted me in French. We conversed in that language for some time. He worked the third degree, asked about Battalion D, and mentioned several names of men I knew. I turned on him and said, "You must have known Tony Pollet." The civilian stopped short, finally found his voice, and gasped, "Pollet?—that's me!"

determined not to miss the green fields, the lovely flowers and the smiles of the girls, as they wished the Americans "Bon Voyage." Everything was beautiful after the drab and dirt of the front.

On the platform at Paris the two sergeants were still disputing. A petite Parisienne stepped up to Sweeney, saying: "Pardon, Monsieur, you came from near Rheims; did you see anyone from the 97th Regiment on the train?" The 97th had been badly cut up. Sweeney remembered that. In an instant his face changed. He smiled back at the girl and answered: "No, there were no French permissionnaires; only Americans were on the train."

Two days later each man was relating his experiences:

The base-ball man from San Francisco:
"Yes, I arrived in Paris without a sou. I saw you fellows scatter in all directions, and did not know what to do with myself. Two French ladies came along and invited me home with them. They paid all my expenses and gave me

this five franc note and a sack of food to eat on my way back."

Percy: "That New York Sun man, Grundy, found five of us at the Café de la Paix. He ordered dinner. It cost him 120 francs. That was the best dinner I ever ate, but, Lord, I wish I had the money it cost!"

Nelson: "Yes, my patron almost threw a fit when I blew in, but the best of the house was at my service, good bath, clean underclothes—don't know where they came from, or whom they belonged to. But they insisted on my keeping them."

Morlae: "Yes, I was up at the Embassy, saw Frazier and he told me . . ."

Bob Scanlon: "My friends were out of town but left word that I should have the best there was. So I went up to Place Pigalle and inquired for a girl I knew, Susie, and they fished out a man six foot high!"

Dowd: "Yes, that Frenchman was splendid. When he learned we were Americans he invited

us to the banquet given by the American Chamber of Commerce at the Palais d'Arsay. There was just one table of us soldiers of the Legion and two long tables of men from the American Ambulance. The Frenchmen were glad to see us—the Ambulance men did not seem glad at all.”

“‘How is that,’ said an American visitor, speaking to a well-dressed, manicured doctor, ‘are there many Americans in the Legion?’

“‘I don’t know.’

“‘Well, aren’t there a good many of our boys there?’

“‘There may be, but, of course, WE don’t know them.’”

Idaho Contractor: “Yes, you fellows can talk about what you ate. When I got over to Place Clichy, it was 9 o’clock. Madame was closing up—all she had left was beans and vinegar. I had had no vinegar for ten months. Beans must be bad for the stomach. My appetite went wrong just the time I needed it most. I did not enjoy myself at all.”

Van Vorst: “Yes, I went over to Pickpus and saw the American Ambulance. They

looked very nice and clean but did not recognize the dirty soldiers from the Legion, but the French officers did."

Bouligny: "I missed everything, did not know there was anything doing any place. Thought the 4th was on Sunday; didn't know they were holding 4th on the 5th."

Narutz: "Yes, I had a bully time. Met some old friends at the American Express Company's office."

Seeger: "I heard Sweeney was promoted to a lieutenancy."

Capdevielle: "What do you think I am carrying this American flag for? Of course, I am going to use it."

Delpesche: "What are all you fellows carrying in those packages? You look like a lot of farmers who just received a consignment from Sears-Roebuck."

King: "Yes, we bought this dollar stuff cheap, just 98 cents and freight."

CHAPTER IX

OUTPOST LIFE

In front of Croane, where, in 1814, Frank and Hun fought for mastery, one hundred years later, the same nations again battled.

The elaborate, naturally drained trench system of to-day was not. Instead of the horizon blue, the French soldier wore the old red pantaloons and dark blue coat. Occasionally new blue uniforms were sent to the front, which, wet a couple of times—the new dyes not holding—quickly became drab. Torn clothes, ripped crawling through barbed wire, were held together by finer wires. New York Heralds and Daily Mails wrapped around socks to help keep in the heat, warmed not alone the cockles of the heart! No smoking cook-kitchen, with steaming kettles filled with tasty food followed our ranks on march. Soup dishes and kettles were carried on knapsack, as in the days of Napoleon. At the end of a long march, at bivouac time, if the commissary had

not made connection, weary soldiers threw their kettles away. If caught, eight days in prison, were welcome as relief.

The Germans held Croane—the French and Germans, alternately, occupied the village of Croanelle, dominated by the fortress of Croane. This was before the days of the present heavy bombardment, and many of the deserted houses were still intact, beds unmade, dishes yet upon table, furnished, but vacant. Cattle, tied to mangers, lay dead in their stalls. In cellars, where combatants had tunneled through to connect, the dead of both sides lay impaled on bayonets. One Frenchman's teeth were at a German's throat, locked in combat, even in death.

Out between the lines lay the unburied dead, in all shapes and conditions of rot, settled in the mud, half covered, in open shell holes. Dried fragments of uniforms flapped on barbed wire through which the wounded had crawled into sheltered corners and died. No need to tell a patrol when, in winter darkness, he stepped on a slippery substance, what it was—he knew. In the spring, grass grew 'round and through

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General Depot of the Quartermaster's Department

Washington, D. C.

September 14th, 1908.

Sir:—

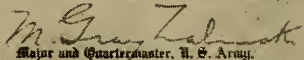
I am directed by the Quartermaster-General of the Army to forward by registered mail, to the address given below, a bronze medal, numbered #1124, which was authorized by the Act of Congress approved June 29, 1906, to be presented to those men of the volunteers and certain of the regular troops of the Army of the Philippines who were recruited and enlisted for the War with Spain, and who served beyond the term of their enlistments to help suppress the Philippine Insurrection.

In a cablegram dated July 1, 1899, to General Otis at Manila, the President of the United States conveyed the following expressions of appreciation for the military service thus rendered.

"The President desires to express, in the most public manner, his appreciation of the lofty patriotism shown by the volunteers and regulars of the 8th Army Corps, in performing willing service through severe campaigns and battles against the insurgents in Luzon, when, under the terms of their enlistments, they would have been entitled to discharge upon the ratification of the treaty with Spain. This action on their part was noble and heroic. It will stand forth as an example of the self-sacrifice and public consecration which have ever characterized the American soldier."

"In recognition thereof I shall recommend to Congress that a special medal of honor be given to the officers and soldiers of the 8th Army Corps who performed this great duty voluntarily and enthusiastically for their country."—William McKinley.

Very respectfully,



Major and Quartermaster, U. S. Army.

In Charge of Depot.

Name of Soldier... John. Bows,

Military Service... Co "B" 12th Minn. Inf. Vols.

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those inanimate shapes. Rats and dogs waxed fat.

From the day the 2nd Regiment went into Croanelle till it was relieved, six months later, no German soldier who set foot in the shallow trench went back. Our regiment, repeatedly reinforced, was kept at full strength.

Americans there endured pain and suffering, the depth of which Washington's Army at Valley Forge never reached. Those old Continentals had nothing in discomfort on these modern heroes in front of Croane. Washington's Army, in their own country, had access to the necessities of life. They held communion with their fellows. These later-day Americans, un-



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der the hardest discipline in the world, were cut off from civilization. They were back to the age of barter and exchange. Money would not buy goods—there was nothing to be bought—but if one man had a little tobacco, and another a pair of socks, they would swap.

No furloughs were granted the first ten months. Every letter was censored. Packages of comforts, sent by friends, were stolen or confiscated en route. They were in a foreign country, whose language many could not speak. They had left good, comfortable homes for these holes in the ground, called trenches by courtesy, where one waded to his post on guard, rifle in hand, and carried a wisp of straw or a piece of plank on which to lie to keep from sinking into slime and slush, which covered his clothes with mud and filled his bones with rheumatism.

It was near midnight, the relief was in the basement of a shot-up chateau. The guard, on a scaffold, peering through loopholes made in a stone wall, was watching Rockwell sentinel at the advance outpost and alongside. They

saw him stop, heard a familiar sound (the striking of a grenade cap), but it was in the rear. Suddenly Rockwell yelled, "Aux Armes." Metteger, the burly Alsatian corporal, ran out, just in time to catch the explosion of a German grenade, and was killed. Rockwell, standing between the grenade and the corporal, was so thin the charge missed him and lodged in the fat man. Simultaneously, the guard at the wall heard a rush, a noise, a rattle of musketry from behind, and turned about face. The relief rushed out of the basement. The Germans, caught between two fires, cursing, disappeared into the darkness.

When the guard turned to repel the attackers, they jumped from the scaffold to the ground. Capdevielle's hair was singed by a bullet, a ball went through Soubiron's cartridge belt. When Brooks, the cockney Englishman, jumped, another Englishman, Buchanan, fell on him, pushed his face into the ground and filled his mouth with mud. Brooks struck out and hit Buchanan, who tried to get away to chase the Boche. "You blankety, blank, blank." Biff! biff! biff! "You will, will you?" The two Englishmen were still fighting when the guard

came back. Buchanan had discovered that some one had made his gun unworkable, tramping mud into the magazine. He stopped and had it out with Brooks.

It was at La Fontenelle and Ban de Sept, La Viola and Viola Nord, opposite St. Marie aux Mines, in reconquered Alsace, among the Vosges on the Franco-German frontier. Seven long, weary months we spent among those perpendicular mountains, with sunburned base and snowy, dripping tops. Dog trains carried provisions in winter. Pack mules clambered in summer, wearing breeching to keep from slipping down hill.

The continuous snows of winter, and the ceaseless flow of water down the middle of the trench in summer, while it also dripped from the roof of the dugout, and seeped up from the ground below, dampened both clothes and spirits, as we carried wet blankets and our misery, up among the clouds of mist, in drizzle, sleet, snow and the intense cold. A sieve is a water-tight compartment compared to those shot-up dugouts.

The constant bombardment often changed so completely the topography of the mountains, one could hardly be sure when daylight came that he was the same man, or in the same place.

We were beyond civilization. Not a flower, a garden, a cow, a chicken, a house with a door or window, or roof, not a civilian or a woman was to be seen. All work or fight, no recreation, it was a long, continued suffering. We had the Boche part of the time, bad weather ever.

The trenches were so close together we fought with grenades instead of rifles. The wire in front, thrown out loose from the trench behind, was all shot up. The trench itself from continued bombardment was thirty or forty feet across the top, with just a narrow path down the middle, where one walked below the ground level. The hills were a wilderness of craters, blown out trenches with unexploded shells about.

Crosses leaning over dead men's graves, were littered with ragged, empty sandbags, while pieces of splintered timber, tangled wire, mingled with broken boulders and lacerated

tree trunks of all lengths and thickness. Holes grew now where trees had stood. Roots and stumps, upturned, replaced splintered branches and scorched, withered leaves. A few straggling, upright trunks, eighty to one hundred feet in the air, were festooned with sections of blown-up barbed wire.

The towns belonged to the dead, wholly deserted by civilians, with even the old women gone. Roofless, doorless, windowless ruins, twisted iron girders and fantastically broken walls, stood out against the sky, grimly eloquent, though silent, monuments of kultur.

It was the day after Roumania declared war on the Central Powers—the French Government had that information printed in German in pamphlet form to throw into the enemy's trenches—I was on guard at a shot-up outpost near La Viola, fifteen yards from the German trench. The sheet-iron shelter overhead which was supposed to keep out the rain was perforated by shrapnel and ripped by high explosives. At a noise above, a glance overhead revealed the leg of an animal which, under

ordinary circumstances, should have been a rat, but was not—too much fur. That leg was moving, so I reached up and pulled down a beautiful long-haired angora cat, with a yellow ribbon about her neck, on which were printed German letters. Deporte exclaimed, “Une belle agent de liason!” So we tied those pamphlets with the yellow ribbon about pussy’s neck and drove her back to the land of kultur.

Next morning a German shouted over, in excellent French, “Hello, Frenchmen, have you any newspapers?” and Sergeant Dorme replied, “Wait a minute,” then picked up a grenade and threw it into the German trench. The German may have heard the grenade cap strike, for he dodged the explosion and yelled back, “Merci, monsieur!” (Thank you, sir!)

A short time afterward the Boche artillery opened up. Our outpost was about twenty yards in front of our main trench—that part behind and east of us was badly battered up—but west, it was completely demolished. A few of the survivors got into deep saps, while odd stragglers crawled, bobbed, or ducked along the trench line till, seeing our outpost, they came

down for companionship. Instead of two men we had eight when the cannonading suddenly ceased. I was at the observation hole and saw some Germans start to climb out of their trench. That same instant a shower of French grenades dropped all about them—we saw them no more.

I backed out of the observation hole, a bad place to be caught. The Frenchmen were throwing grenades for keeps—no slackers there, no run-aways. Once in a while a fellow stopped for an instant, took a swift look at his comrade, then went at it again. I was supposed to have the only observation hole. The others were below the ground level, yet they seemed to know where and when to throw. I decided they were guided not by orders but by instinct. I walked back to the main trench, to another surprise. Out among that row of craters was the whole company. How did they get there? Peraud patiently and quietly explained, as though we were sitting in a parlor instead of under a hail of German shells, that it was the orders of the captain—that the Germans had failed to break through at our outpost, that they had gone in at the next where the soldiers were all killed, that the Germans had run along the

ruined trench west, and found five men in saps, that two had escaped when the French drove the Germans back to the trenches, and that our company was waiting for the counter attack.

That night, territorial companies came up from the rear—re-dug the trenches. The bombardment kept up many days—the trenches being dug and re-dug many times, till finally the French got the chance they wanted, the raiding, or free, section slipped over, and captured twice as many prisoners as the Germans had. The French were satisfied—and the Germans had to be!

Face to face with death, what is in a man comes out. I shall never forget one, who, right name unknown, came from Marseilles. We used to call him "Coquin de Dieu." He had some system whereby he got extra wine—even at the front. That additional cup or two was just enough to make him happy and start him singing. Handsome as a woman, he looked the careless, reckless ne'er-do-well. During a terrific bombardment, I was sent to relieve him, out between two German outposts, one eight, the other fifteen yards away. Instead of going

to the safety of the sap in the rear, that Frenchman insisted on staying with me. Germans broke into the French trench at the adjoining post, and went to the right. Had they come left, we should have been the first victims.

There was little Maurice, just twenty, who had been through the whole campaign. When dodging shells, he could drop quicker than a flapper and come up laughing every time.

Maribeau, eighteen, only a boy, always objected to throwing grenades. "No, I won't—I promised my mother and my father I would not become a grenadier and I won't." One night during a Boche grenade attack, he and everyone else had to work for self-preservation. He liked it and became a splendid bomb thrower.

Renaud, an old 170th boy, was with him and Marti, on post, during a Boche bombardment and attack. Marti was killed by a grenade. A crapouillot fell into the trench behind. I was pretty busy throwing grenades, but caught a glimpse of a stray sergeant pulling Renaud under cover. Several days later, noticing a haversack hanging on the side of the trench,

I wondered why it was there so long, also whose it might be. Inside was a piece of bread and a flat tin plate perforated by shell and splinters. Scribbled on the plate was the name, "Renaud."

Big, strong, impulsive, was my marching companion, Peraud. He loved his wife and hated war. When thinking about war his face had so deadly an expression, no one dared disturb him. When his thought was of his wife, he looked a glorified choir boy. Once in Lorraine, during repose, he and his companion, Perora, a theological student, invited me to a church to hear the curé lecture on Jeanne d'Arc. While the student and the curé conversed, Peraud rang the bell which brought the soldier congregation.

Marching behind him, Indian file, through the trenches one dark night, I missed the barrel of his rifle against the sky line, and stopped just in time to prevent falling on top of Peraud, who had stumbled into a sap filled with the slush and slime that run from the trench bottoms. It wasn't necessary to watch the rifle after that. I could follow by the smell.

It was in the trenches I first met him. Boche bombardment had knocked out the wooden posts that braced the sides of the trench. Dirt had fallen in and dammed the running water. We were detailed to walk, knee deep, into the horrible slush, and bring those dirty, dripping posts, on our shoulders, to dry land. Suddenly he stopped, took a look and asked:

"Comrade, what was your business in civil life?"

"I was engaged in commerce. And you?"

"Me? I am an artist."

Our sergeant spoke a little English. He was a good sort, who, owning a garage in civil life, had met many Americans and thought they were decent enough to invite acquaintance. One afternoon, during a bombardment, he, Peraud, Perora, Rolfe and Tardy were in a sap. Too careless to go below, they stood on the top step, in the doorway, sheltered from behind and on both sides. There was just the four-foot square opening in front. A shell dropped into that opening, killed four, and left Tardy standing alone. He was a brave soldier before, but no good after that.

Peraud and Perora had been bosom friends. They came from the same neighborhood, were wounded and sent to the same hospital, both changed into the 163rd Regiment. Together they were killed by the same shell.

Comrade Deporte was an old 170th man. Names, being indexed alphabetically, always, at the end of a long march, Bowe and Deporte were put on guard, with no chance to cool off after packing the heavy sacks up the mountain side. Our cotton shirts, soaked with perspiration, felt like boards as our bodies rapidly cooled during the silent, motionless guard.

Deporte was a revelation in human nature. Unselfish, he did the most arduous and often unnecessary work without a murmur. We were always together on guard and frequently drew the bad places. Once, during a five-hour bombardment, isolated, impossible to get relief to us, he did not complain. Another time, hearing a suspicious noise in front, I threw a grenade. We got such an avalanche in return it almost took our breath away—and Deporte laughed! Home on furlough, he overstayed his leave five days and drew sixty days prison. He smiled—it was sixty days on paper!

One fine day we two were taken out in front during a bombardment. Captain Anglelli, with two holes in his helmet where a sniper's bullet went in and out at Verdun, explained the situation to Deporte:

"You have the grenades?"

"Oui, mon capitaine."

"You see this hill?"

"Oui, mon capitaine."

"It is higher than that trench."

"Oui, mon capitaine."

"You can throw into there?"

"Oui, mon capitaine."

"The Boche will come through there."

"Oui, mon capitaine."

"You can hit him, he cannot reach you."

"Oui, mon capitaine."

"The American will stay with you?"

"Oui, mon capitaine."

"Bomb hell out of them!"

"Oui, mon capitaine."

"Hold them there and we will bag them."

"Oui, mon capitaine."

Smiling, the captain patted Deporte on the shoulder. Deporte, looking squarely into his eyes, grinned back. They understood each

other, those two. It was not superior ordering inferior. It was man to man.

I should like to tell all that happened that afternoon. It was the wind-up of a week's bombardment, and we had a ripping time dodging about to avoid being maimed for life. We held a mountain top on the frontier. The Germans had the peaks opposite, where they had planted their heavy artillery. When the French drove back the invading Germans, the lines stopped within bombing distance—about thirty yards. We had the upper line, they the lower. We could throw grenades on them, but it was hard for them to reach us. So they planted their line with trench-mortars that throw aerial torpedoes, crapouillots and bombs the size of a stovepipe, also others which resemble a two-gallon demijohn. They came slow. We could see them—the wide-nosed torpedoes coming direct, the stovepipes hurtling end over end.

These visible shells are only good for short range. We dodged them, but they kept us constantly on the move. The captain's trench was flattened out—no need to watch that any

more. The bombardment increased. Long range artillery from the mountains joined the short range mortars. The black smoke and noise from the Jack Johnsons and the yellow smoke from bursting shrapnel did not attract our attention from those three-finned torpedoes and hurtling crapouillots.

We would dodge for one but a half dozen might drop before we could look around. Deporte was buried by one explosion. I had to pull him out of the dirt. A big rock came flying down the trench, then a piece of timber four feet long. Two pieces of metal fell on my helmet which I picked up and have yet. They were burning hot, not iron or steel, but copper and nickel.

At a shout in front, we grabbed grenades and saw to the left a crowd of men running toward our lines, French and German. Later we learned how eighteen Frenchmen went over to the German blockhouse across the way, gave the forty occupants a chance to surrender, of which eleven took advantage. Revolvers and bombs finished the others. Two Frenchmen, both my friends, were wounded.

The Germans did not seem to like it. They got more angry and threw all kinds of metal at our dodging heads. An orderly rushed around the corner and yelled: "Fall back, orders from the capitaine." He scurried away. We found a sap. I was thirty feet down when I looked up and saw Deporte standing at the opening unbuttoning his vest. Steam and perspiration formed a circle around him, such as is seen about an aeroplane flying high against the sun. About thirty feet down into that sap the steps turned a right angle, then again changed direction. We sat beyond the second turning, lighting a candle as fast as the inrush of air, made by the bursting shells, blew it out. A couple of hours later, when we looked for the hill we had held, it was gone. Immense craters yawned where had been our regular trenches. The rows of trenches were as waves of an angry sea, while the ground between was pitted and scarred beyond recognition.

CHAPTER X

CHAMPAGNE ATTACK

The night before the attack of September 25, 1915, Bouligny and I went over to Battalion C. He picked up a piece of cheese that Morlae had. Munching away, he demanded, "Where did you get this?"

"In Suippe."

"I thought we were forbidden to go out."

"We are."

"How did you get by?"

"I told the sentry I did not speak French, showed him my old Fourth of July pass, and walked through."

Bouligny said: "Well, we will eat this cheese so they'll have no evidence against you."

Morlae replied: "We shall need somebody to help carry the load we have stacked up."

"What have we got?" inquired Casey.

"Two canteens of wine instead of one."

"Good," said Casey.

"And 250 rounds of cartridges instead of 120," called Nelson.

"And a steel helmet, instead of a cloth cap," from Dowd.

"And four days' reserve of food instead of two," added King.

"And a new knife for the nettoyers" (moppers-up), put in Scanlon.

"And a square white patch of cloth sewed on our backs, so our own artillerymen can recognize and not blow us up," finished John Laurent.

"I'd rather be here, leaning against this tree," said Chatcoff, "than in little old New York, backed against a telephone pole, trying to push it into the North River."

"Yes," agreed Seeger, "this is the life. The only life worth living is when you are face to face with death—midway between this world and the next."

For one week the Legion had marched each night fifteen kilometers to the front, dug trenches and returned to camp in the early morning. Again that night we went out, and daylight, September 25, found us established in a badly demolished trench from

which we emerged at the time set for the attack, 9:15.

The four hours between daylight and the attack were passed under a furious bombardment. Many were killed or wounded while we waited to go over the top.

The French had, unknown to the Germans, brought up their 75 cannon and dug them down in another trench 25 yards behind us. The din was terrific. Smoke screens and gas shells nearly blinded us. Men were uneasy and dodged. The captain caught a fellow flopping. "Here, you young whelp, don't you know that noise comes from our own guns behind?"

Pera, a Tunis Jew, tore open his first aid bandage and we filled our ears with cotton to deaden the noise.

The attack was carried out by seven long lines of soldiers advancing two yards apart, each line about 100 yards behind the other.

The Colonials and Moroccans had the first line, the Legion the second. Owing to the

Germans' concentrated fire on our trenches and on the outlets, each man did not get out two yards from the next. Frequently the other man was dead or wounded. But the objective was the Ferme Navarin, and at 10:30 it was in our possession.

A soldier's life, while of some concern to himself, to an officer is but a means to an end. It is offered, or given, to get results. The best officer obtains the most results with the least loss. Some give wrong orders and sacrifice their men. Others seem to grasp every opening for advancement and gain the objective with very little loss.

In the first run to the outlet the slaughter was terrible. Stretcher bearers carried a continuous stream of wounded with bloody bandages on, silent, motionless, pale-faced, dirtily-clothed men, whose muddy shoes extended over the edge of the stretchers.

Nearer the front line, the worse the carnage. Dead were lying so thick soldiers walked on upturned faces grazed by hob-nailed shoes.

Side trenches were filled with wounded, waiting transportation. Some, injured in the hand, held it up watching the blood flow; others, hurt in the leg, were dragging that member along. Holding onto their stomachs were those whose blood was running down over their shoes. At one corner leaning against two corpses lay a young soldier, smooth shaven, curly-hair, mustache trimmed, his face settling into the soft, creamy whiteness of death, a smile on his lips.

My mind flashed over to Madam Tussaud's wax figure exhibition in London.

Two Moroccans stopped. One pulled off his vest and found a blackish red bruise on his chest. His comrade said: "It is nothing, come along." The other fell over, dead. A Zouave, with back broken, or something, unable to get up, eyes rolling into his head, twisted his body in agony. The doctor, walking away, said: "No chance. Leave him; blood poison."

The Germans had a sure range on the outlet. Wounded men, walking back in the trench, were jostled and knocked about by strong, run-

ning men, forcing themselves to the front. Shells were falling all around as we ran into "No-Man's-Land." Machine guns were out on the slope, "rat-tat-tat-tat," a continuous noise. Men lying behind guns, rifle shooting, working, cursing, digging trenches, throwing dirt, making holes.

At every corner stood calm, square-faced, observing officers directing, demanding, compelling. What are such men in civil life? Why do we never see them?

In the open, I stopped and took a quick look around. The only man I knew was Crotti, an Italian. He spoke in English: "Where is the Legion?" The officer overheard. His face changed. He did not like that alien tongue just then, but understood, and smiling, said: "The Legion is there."

They were crawling up a shallow trench, newly made in open ground, at an angle of 45 degrees from us. We did not try to force our way back into the trench against that crowd, so kept out on top and joined our comrades, who laughed when they saw us running in from where the Boche was supposed to be.

The man alongside puts on his bayonet as the order is passed down the line to go over on command. The officers snap out: "Five minutes, three minutes, one minute, En Avant!" The Colonials, the Moroccans and the Legionnaires, all mixed up, arrive about the same time. Up, and over the Boche line trench. Where is the wire? It has been blown away by artillery. Instead of deep, open trenches, we find them covered over! Swarming, we go up on top the covered trenches then turn and throw bombs in at the port-holes from which the Germans are shooting. Boches run out at the entrances, climb from the dugouts, hands in air, crying, "Kamerad."

More grenades inside and more German prisoners. The first line men keep going. German dead lie all about. German equipment is piled around; we pass the wounded, meet the living enemy. A running Zouave stops a Boche, who goes down with the Zouave's bayonet in his chest. The Zouave puts his foot on the man, pulls out the bayonet, and keeps on his headlong rush.

An old, grey-haired Poilu met a Boche in square combat, bayonet to bayonet. The old

man (his bayonet had broken) got inside the other's guard, forced him to the ground, and was choking him to death when another Frenchman, helping his comrade, pushed the old man aside in order to get a sure welt at the Boche. The old man, quick as a cat, jumped up. He thought another German was after him and recognized his comrade. The German sat up and stuck up his hands. The Frenchmen looked foolish—it would be murder! Half a dozen Germans just then came from a dugout. That old man took his rifle with the twisted, broken bayonet, picked up a couple of German casques, and, lining the prisoners up, took them to the rear. Prisoners all about. One big German officer surrendered with a machine gun crew who carried their own gun. Unwounded prisoners lugged their wounded comrades on their backs while others limped along, leaning on companions. Many had broken, bruised heads. Prisoners bore French wounded on stretchers. The dead lay in all directions, riddled, peppered by the 75s, mangled with high explosives, faces dried-blood, blackened.

Behind the first line, into the newly-made communication trenches, I noticed where dirt

had been thrown to the bottom of the trench, walking on dead Germans' grazed faces, bristling whiskers, partially covered with loose dirt, so that their bodies were not noticed by comrades going to the front. Continued bombardment, more dead. Germans running, equipment strewn everywhere, black bread, cigars, many casques, more dead, broken caissons, dead horses, cannon deserted—their crews killed, Boche shells in lots of three lying about in wicker baskets. Trenches full of dead, legs, arms and heads sticking out.

We followed the Germans into a maze of gas and my eyes and lungs got full. Then I felt weak and comfortable. The Luxemburg corporal came along and pulled me out. Dropping behind, we finally came upon the Legion, waiting in a communication trench to flank the Germans. A wonderful Legionnaire, with the face of a Greek god (shot in the stomach), came hobbling along on a stick. He sat down and renewed an acquaintance with the corporal which had been started at Toulouse.

Over the top again. A backward glimpse showed the wounded man hobbling behind us,

back again to the front. I noticed the Legionnaires running, chins forward, bayonets fixed, greatly bunched, and thought the Germans could not miss hitting so many men. So, being the last man in the company, I kept running along the outside. The corporal was killed going over. He fell into a shell hole among a lot of German wounded and dead. We were ordered to turn to the right, down this trench. I, the last man, became first.

Blinded with gas, I blundered along, bayonet fixed, finger on trigger, stumbling over dead and wounded Germans, bumping into sharp corners of the trench, on into another gas maze, and across the second line trench. Someone pulled my coat from behind and I discovered that our men were going down that cross trench. So I fell in about the middle of the company, pumped the gas from my stomach, and by the time I was in shape again orders came that we should hold this trench, which had gradually filled with our men.

It had rained all day. Racing through the trenches, dirt fell into the magazines of our rifles. It makes one furiously angry when the

magazine will not work. I grabbed a rifle lying alongside a man I thought dead. He was very much awake. He quite insisted on using his own gun. The next man was dead. He had a new rifle. I felt much better.

It was impossible to stay in that crowded trench. I found a large shell hole in the open, eight feet deep, with water in the bottom. With shovel and pick, I dug out enough on the side of the crater to find dry ground and tried to sleep. I was awakened by officers who wished to make me go into the trenches. I did not understand French. Those officers insisted I did. Of course, I did not. I knew they wanted the nice, comfortable place I had constructed for themselves. So, paid no attention, but covered up my head and tried to sleep. I could not. Then remembered something—I had eaten no food for twenty-four hours. So soaked hard tack in the water at the bottom of the shell hole, dined, and then went to sleep in spite of the rain, the bombardment, and the homeless officers.

Next day we made another attack over the top. We got into a Boche machine gun cross-

fire and orders were to dig down. I noticed a large shell crater about 20 yards to the left, where a half dozen Poilus were lying in comfort below the earth level and fairly safe. Crawling toward them on my stomach, with nose on the ground, I felt the earth shake (impossible to hear in the never-ending cannon roar), looked up, and about 80 or 100 feet in the air, where they had rested as on a teeter after going up, before coming down,—I saw a number of blue overcoats. I looked over to the shell crater and found it was larger, fresher and empty. I crawled over there and stayed till darkness relieved me.

Those men were in comparative safety, while I was out in the open and exposed, yet they were killed. Soldiers naturally become fatalists, and believe one will not be called till the shell comes along with his number. They see a shell fall, a cloud of dirt and dust goes up—no damage done. Another shell drops,—a man stood there,—he goes up,—he was in the wrong place, at the wrong time,—and out of luck. Why worry? There are too many shells, and the one that gets you is the one you will never see. If it does not get you

right then it is no time to worry,—if it does, you won't need to.

On September 28, the Legion attacked the Bois Sabot or wooden shoe, a wooded eminence protected by fifty yards of barbed wire entanglements, stretched, tree to tree, behind which bristled three rows of machine guns. About four o'clock, the Legion lined out to attack in a long row, a yard apart. The Germans watched our formation, their guns trained on the first wire, and waited.

Finally, the Colonel said to a Sergeant, "Here, you take this section. Go over and wake them up." No one was anxious. The rifles of the Boche could be seen above their trenches. But Musgrave said, "Let's go over and stir them and see what kind of a show they put up." The section went, 35 or 40 men. Just two, both Americans, Musgrave and Pavelka, came back.

That attack lasted all night. Daybreak was coming. All the officers had been killed, except a little squeaky voiced Lieutenant. He was

afraid to give the order to retreat. But, daylight in sight, he finally said, "Gather up the wounded and go back to the trench we left." The dead were in rows by hundreds, as thick as autumn leaves, each man on his stomach, face to the foe.

Artillery was then brought up. Two days later, we again attacked. The wire and the whole mountain top had been blown away. The Germans we met were either dead, wounded or dazed.

It was the seventeenth day of the attack. We lay to the left of the Ferme Navarin in front of the captured German second line trenches. German officers' dug-outs were littered with champagne bottles stolen from the cellars of France. On the other hand, Zouaves and Legionnaires were decorated with captured German helmets, swords, gold-braided coats, map cases, boots and equipment of all sorts.

In that district the terrain is streaked—first, strips of open ground, then strips of woodland, which had evidently been planted for a military purpose.

The Germans were on one side of a hill, we were close up on the other, so close that the German shells could not drop quickly enough and invariably exploded in the rear.

There was no wire between. The trees on the hill-top were mostly shot away. A broken ladder was still tied to a tall tree which had been used as an observation post. Snipers from both sides, in trees, were picking off every man who went into the open.

Here, the attacking parties had been stopped. In the open, between the woods, dead Frenchmen still lay in rows, side by side, face to the foe, where they had been mowed down by machine guns, lying behind their knapsacks, in front of which a little dirt had been thrown. Some had rifles in their hands, others spades. The camp kettles, strapped to their knapsacks, were perforated by bullets. At one side of the opening, dead men had been placed crossways in front of a shallow trench toes upward, then a layer of bodies lengthways, cordwood style, then others, toes up, then bodies lengthways; and in front dirt was thrown.

Behind this barricade the bodies of wounded men lay, not straight, but in almost every imaginable position, blood-blackened faces, dirty bloody bandages, muddy shoes, staring eyes, twisted limbs,—all mixed together.

I was out in front of this line of bodies, on picket, lying in the underbrush, when Emery, the Swiss corporal of the adjoining platoon, crawled over and began telling me about his English sweetheart and English homes and hospitality and Cambridge days, when the captain, noticing we had our backs to the enemy, bawled us out.

So, to make up for our slackness we crawled a little further, where we noticed something black between us and the hill-top. Emery was called away just then. I crawled out and found it was the body of a French officer wrapped up entirely in a large black raincoat. He died as the French officer wishes to die, at the head of his men; and this one was 100 yards ahead of the nearest soldier.

Being in bad odor with my captain, I did not report to him. The sergeant, Bacarret, an

Alsatian with German manners, I never addressed unless compelled to by military necessity. So I told the Parisian bootblack corporal what I had seen.

Going on picket again, the corporal and the retiring sentinel dragged the body down the hill and I watched him as he artistically frisked it. First, he deftly transferred a roll of bills from the dead man's vest to his own, then took his purse, knife, maps, letters, etc., and, opening the purse, he said, "Look what he had, I am going to take this money to the captain." There was one five franc piece, also some small change. The letters he left on the ground. I picked them up and read the contents, which showed they were from his wife, written from his home at Rheims.

Coming off picket, we were ordered to change positions. We marched all night. Our feet through not having shoes off for seventeen days, at first numb, soon burned and pricked as the blood commenced to circulate. Many men fell out of ranks. Those who did not were so tired and used up they did not fill up the sets of fours as their comrades dropped out.

I was in the rear rank of the first set of fours and marched behind the bootblack corporal. He was a gritty little fellow and carried a knapsack so large that his head could not be seen from behind. He fell out several times, but pushed himself up in spite of the men, who would not budge or get out of the way,—for every step counts in a long march.

Walking on a canal bank, I noticed something dangling about his legs—saw it was the dead officer's raincoat hanging from his belt. I waited till he came, pushing his way past again, when I made a false step and he landed, face down, knapsack and all, in the canal. He did not show up again till the following afternoon.

CHAPTER XI

LIFE IN DEATH

“If a man die, shall he live?”* Aye—and that more abundantly!

Realize and believe with Victor Hugo, “When I go down to the grave I can say like many others, ‘I have finished my day’s work.’ But I cannot say ‘I have finished my life.’ My day’s work will begin again next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight, it opens on the dawn.”

They do not die who instil in others love of country and higher degrees of patriotism.

We know that “except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but, if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”† Nature is constantly demonstrating Life as the manifestation of Death. Nature’s laws are the laws of God, to whom are all people subject. So, with man, is passing his progress, into a higher,

*Job 14:14. †John 12:24.

or lower, form of spirit continuance—as he may have chosen and prepared.

You, who read this book, have you thought of it as religious? Religious—“devotional, conscientiously exact or strict,” (look in your dictionary—every one accepts it as authority!) it must be, these days, to rightfully exist. Religion (see your dictionary again) is “any system of faith or worship, love and obedience toward God.” Those who are in this great strife of Right against Wrong require no dictionary to define Religion—nor do you, oh, my Americans, as the battle reaches yours and you!

One of our truly great ministers, Rector James E. Freeman, working in United States contonments now, stoutly securing the hearts of America's youth, who shall slay the modern Minotaur, with the strong Ariadnean thread of faith which lightens death's darkness into a glorious labyrinth of life, has told us how, where a town was utterly destroyed, there stood what was left of a beautiful church, built in the fourteenth century. The altar had been crushed. Huge pillars lay prone. The crucifix was trampled, into the dust. But, in the midst

of all that pitiful ruin and desolation, there stood unharmed a cheap plaster image of the Virgin Mary, mother of Christ, which shells and insult spared. Alone, with outstretched arms, pleading with man to remember her divine child, that most sacred woman of all the world calls on us to do what is right and go straight.

In her own realization—and in proof to a not always charitable, if mistaken, judging world, that her spiritual life and power are of far greater worth and importance than her vast material wealth, also in really learning the truth of that too familiar—"He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal,"* is America now finding her soul?

The materialistic profiteer, who evades duty, and fattens on the soldier's blood, will pass. But the soldier whose inspiring deeds shall stir the heart of future generations has kindled the flame that burns forever.

When the materialist has cashed his coupons, the money won't keep his body from the mag-

*John 12:25.

gots. It may buy him a mausoleum, but not the respect of loyal patriots who are willing to give their all, in order to live up to their traditions.

Stocks and bonds have a market value—but Honor and Liberty are priceless.

It was the materialism of the Kaiser that started this war. He is confronted by millions of dead bodies on the battlefields of France whose spirits demand that they must not have bled in vain. He is haunted by Jeanne d'Arc, by the awakened spirit of '76.

These hover near, stimulating, inspiring the living to yet nobler deeds. Incorruptible, they flock to those who fight to the death, and every death sends forth a living force.

America, sunk in materialism, now hearkens to her forefathers—Washington, Hamilton, Greene, LaFayette, Rochambeau, Lincoln, Sherman and Grant, calling us to Righteousness.

The chastening hand of God has raised us where we can again see great Ideals, forgotten.

These are the foundation on which Democracy rests,—not wealth and class distinctions.

We are making the world safe for Democracy? Let us make Democracy safe for the world. While the soldier kills Prussianism with the bullet, the civilian must end political and profiteering abuses with his vote.

He who died that men may live now conquers and tames him who has lived that men—and women, and little children, might die!

CHAPTER XII

THE 170TH FRENCH REGIMENT

When we Americans went into the 170th, Seeger, Morlae, Narutz and others stayed with the 2nd Legion, which two weeks later was merged with the 1st Legion. Narutz remarked, in his philosophic manner, "The 170th is a regiment volanté, always used in quick, double action work. Their specialty is bayonet attack. I am too old to go steeple chasing over barbed wire, in a ripped up country, with not one hundred yards of solid ground, then twenty yards of nothing, a 70 pound sack on my back, a two dollar thirst in my stomach and Boche machine guns in front. Believe me, the Legion is quite swift enough. I know what this is and will stick to what I have and am used to—what I have not had, I might not like." Seeger, as usual, silent, mystic, indomitable, appeared not to listen. His thoughts were in the clouds. He had made up his mind to stay. That settled it—no explanation necessary.

Of the Americans who changed, but three, Sergeant Capdevielle, Sergeant Jacobs and Lieutenant Mulhauser remain.* The Colonel, of that date, is now General Polalacelli.

The 170th is a notable regiment. Time and again have its members been complimented by General Joffre. They are his children, his pride. Never were they called upon when they failed to make good. They have rushed into almost certain extermination and come out alive. Anointed with success, they fear nothing. They have charged into a cataclysm of destruction which swallowed up whole companies, and returned with a battalion of German prisoners.

Against all opposition, they prevail. Spite of death, they live, always triumphant, never defeated. Theirs is an invincibility—a contempt of peril, which only men who have continually risked and won can have. In the confusion and complications of battle, they are masters in obstruction and counter-attack. They have been torn, shocked and churned about—but they have arrived. Faces burning in zeal, exalted for the cause they serve, stimulated by the com-

* All gone, with the passing of Capdevielle, October 3, 1918.

panionship of kindred spirits, they heedlessly dash to victory, or, the Sunset.

We turned directly about and went with this new regiment, back to the front line. We relieved our own old regiment, the Foreign Legion. Eight men, all Americans, were together in one squad. Inside of a week, only three were left. That is, there were but three, when I was sent away for repairs.

We were in a captured German headquarters with equipment, ammunition, war debris, dead men and killed horses, strewed about. Along the edge of a hill was a German graveyard. About two hundred German soldiers, killed in a previous engagement, were buried there. German batteries, on the opposite hill top, kept bombarding their lost position, hoping to drive the French captors out. They shot up those dead Germans—the atmosphere grew pungent—the stench penetrated every corner. It settled heavy on the lungs. It was impossible to get away from it.

It was in late October, 1915. The only time food or water could be sent up to us was at

night. Coffee was chilled by morning. During the day, as usual, we slept in the bottom of the trenches with shoes and cartridge belts on. At night the regular program was,—patrol, guard, digging trenches, placing barbed wire, bringing up ammunition and supplies, with always that dreadful smell.

One morning, October 19, 1915, looking over at the Boche, I saw a shrapnel burst overhead. A second after a bullet embedded itself in my forehead. Some time later, feeling foolish for having been caught as shortstop for a German hit, I heard Bob Scanlon say, "You lucky fool. You lay rolled up warm in those Boche blankets all morning, while I was up, trying to find a place to heat the coffee. Now, you will go south, where it is warm, and I shall have to stay here and freeze."

CHAPTER XIII

163RD AND 92ND REGIMENTS

Returning to the front I was sent as a reinforcement to the 163rd who had just come from Verdun, where they had one battalion captured.

After a few days rest, while they were getting reinforcements and new clothing and equipment, we were sent up to the front where, with the exception of ten days when we went to Laveline to be refitted again (but two men left in my squad), my company, the 7th, was in the first and second line trenches for seven continuous months.

In the 163rd I saw a French regiment at its best. The Legion is composed of men from all countries. The 170th is from many French regiments and sections. The 163rd all came from southern France. They saw alike, understood one another and worked together. Kind and considerate, they were a band of ideal

brothers. They took pleasure in having an American feel at home. They made sure that he got his share of clothing, rations and duty. He, noticing those little courtesies, in his appreciation, became a better soldier.

What I liked about this regiment was the supreme contempt the officers had for the Boches—and could not but admire how easily they slipped things over on Fritz. With such leaders, hard work and suffering became sport—as we Kiboshed the Boches!

Owing to the even character of the men, it was not necessary to have as strict discipline as in the Legion. Here the soldiers were more content—more companionable—were all veterans—many wounded badly enough so they could not have remained in a regiment of attack,—yet steady and dependable, and almost invaluable, where the enemy's trenches were about thirty yards away,—and the two forces were in constant touch.

In the winter of 1916-17 weakened by rheumatism, after fighting in three active first line

regiments, I was finally sent to the 92nd Territorials, a working regiment, then in a near-by sector.

These grand-dads, from forty to fifty-five years of age, the debris of "Papa" Joffre's old army, were all physically unfit—yet, not old enough to die. The object in holding them together was to have a reserve—in order to use what few ounces of strength they still had.

Officers and doctors were considerate and very kind. But, even that could not keep a number of the men from caving in as Nature's limit was reached.

One night at Bussang, after unloading coal in a snowstorm, my wet cotton gloves were as stiff with frost as were my knees with rheumatism. Quite fed up, I went to the doctor, determined to thrash the matter out with him. "Yes," he responded, "I know you are not in condition, but, we are hard pressed now. We must use every ounce of energy we have." I quit knocking, stuck it out a few days longer, then went to pieces.

Such is soldier life. One starts out strong and full of pep, fit to serve in the Foreign Legion, the best in France. Then in the 170th, graded the fourth. Then to the 163rd, a good trench regiment. Then to the 92nd Territorials, a working regiment. Then to hospital—transferred back to the Legion—to be invalided home.

CHAPTER XIV

HOSPITAL LIFE

In 1915 there were 6,400 hospitals in France and 18,000 doctors. During large offensives the wounded arrived in Paris at the rate of thirty trainloads per day. In Lyons at one time there were 15,000 wounded men. At Verdun 28,000 wounded men were treated in one hospital during a 25 day period. In the spring of 1918, 40 per cent of the entire French Army had been killed, captured or hopelessly mutilated. Of the 60 per cent remaining at that time there were 1,500,000 wounded and crippled men in the hospitals of France.

With the exception, as far as known, of the American Hospital at Nice and the Scottish Woman's Hospital at Royemont, both of which maintain themselves, the pay for care and attendance of each patient which comes from the French Government is limited to one franc, 25 centimes per day (22½ cents). The balance is made up by the Red Cross, individuals and communities, according to the

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Décorations Étrangères

Au G. Q. G., le 18 mai 1917.

ORDRE GÉNÉRAL N° 8 "D. E." (EXTRAIT)

S. A. R. le PRINCE RÉGENT DE SERBIE a bien voulu mettre à la disposition de M. le PRÉSIDENT, DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE, un certain nombre de décorations Serbes, destinées à récompenser des officiers et soldats de l'Armée Française.

Ces décorations ont été accordées aux Militaires dont les noms suivent, en récompense de leur brillante conduite au feu ou des services distingués qu'ils ont rendus.

Médaille de la Bravoure en argent
Bourne John
Soldat, N° 11436. 163^{ème} Regt d'Infanterie

Le présent ordre ne confère pas le droit à la **CROIX DE GUERRE**.

Le Général Commandant en Chef,

R. NIVELLE.

POUR EXTRAIT CONFORME

Le Lieutenant-Colonel,

Sous-Chef du Bureau du Personnel,

Elson

(A remettre à l'intéressé)

PRIVATE JACK'S SERBIAN MEDAL CITATION

largeness, or smallness, of the views and pocketbooks of those who assist.

Hospitals are of two classes. They are in or out of the army zone. The Army Zone is a piece of land under strict military law, extending, possibly, twenty miles back from the trenches.

Ordinarily, weekly Red Cross trains carry the evacuated wounded, or disabled, soldiers from the Army Zone to the interior. During a general engagement trains wait, are filled with wounded from ambulances, and sent away immediately as soon as filled.

The hospital in the Army Zone, necessary for military reasons, is not looked upon with favor by



SERBIAN MEDAL

A limited number of these decorations were presented by S. A. R., the Prince Regent of Serbia, to President Poincaré of the French Republic, for distribution to officers and men for distinguished and brilliant conduct under fire. Two were allotted the 163rd Regiment of the Line—one for an officer, the other to a private.

the common soldier. It is too military. He has his fill of red tape and regulations. He wants to forget there ever was a war, or that he ever was a soldier. He regards discipline as he does lice, and medicine and bad neighbors. It may be necessary to put up with them but he does not wish to do so any longer than needs be.

If he must have a nurse, he does not want a limping, growling, medically unfit man. He prefers placing his suffering-racked body, injured by the hand of hate, where it can be nursed back to health with kindly ministering love.

The sick soldier does not want to be pestered or bothered. He prefers to be left alone. He does not wish a nosing uplifter to come and tell him what he shall do, and what he shall not do. He had enough orders in the army. Because he wears a uniform, he is none the less a man. He may not be rich. But riches are no passport to heaven. He has only contempt for lively humbugs, who ape superiority, and try to push something down his throat which he does not want.

In the Army Zone hospital, supposed to be sick, he is not allowed outside except under cer-

tain conditions, and then in charge of a nurse. When convalescent, he is quarantined in the Eclopes. Here, rather than moon his time away, and to keep from going stark crazy, he asks to be sent back to the front.

In the hospitals of the interior, he gets much more liberal treatment. If able, he may wander about, without a chaperon, in the afternoons. He will buy a red herring and walk up the middle of the street eating it. Four men go into a shop, buy five cents worth of cheese, and each pays for his own wine.

Store windows have an irresistible attraction for him.

Post cards hold his gaze for hours.

A whistling small boy brings him to a full stop. He has not heard such a happy sound for a long time. He blesses the little fellow for showing so much cheer in the midst of suffering.

After several days, he notices people stare at him a good deal. Yes, he limps too much. Every step brings pain. He senses their kindly

sympathy but, somehow or other, resents it. So, he goes out into the country, where, while he rests in the lap of Nature, the warm sun helps the doctors coax the poison from the wound, rheumatism from the joints, and shock from the system.

Away from the front, away from the busy haunts of men, all through France, in chateaux, in old convents and high schools, in sisters' hospitals, conducted by the Union of Femmes de France, the Society of Dames Francaises, and the Society Secours aux Malades and Blesses Militaires, under the kindly treatment of those unswerving, unflinching nurses, he recovers his strength, then goes to the front for Freedom or Glory Immortal.

I shall not forget the many little courtesies received in the French hospitals at Saumur, Montreuil-Ballay, Remiremont, Pont de Veyle and Bourg. Suffering unites the sympathetic. Pain is the barometer that tests the human fiber. The soldier, who has been through the fire with his fellows, who has been wounded, as they were, who suffered, as they did, has an established comradeship that endures. He was

interested in them and they in him. When he is low and the day ahead looks dark and dreary, he can feel their sympathy. Probably no word is spoken, but he knows the whole ward is pulling for him. He does not want to disappoint his friends. He rises to the occasion. That sympathy means the difference between life and death.

In the early days of the war, flowers, cigarettes, reading matter and luxuries, were showered upon wounded soldiers. Gradually, as private and public interests demanded attention, visitors were compelled to work for themselves, or for the State.

The faithful, never-tiring nurses patiently remain at their posts, color washed from their cheeks, hands worn, seamed by labor, dark eyes, flashing stars of a wintry night, unceasingly, they work to bring back to health those who almost died for them. In their sweet, white uniforms, suppressing their own troubles with a jolly smile, they greet and welcome the mud-stained, lousy, dirty poilu and give him an affectionate word—far more efficient, a much better tonic, than medicine.

CHAPTER XV

AN INCIDENT

Early spring, 1916, at Boulogne, dressed as a French *poilu*, I stepped off the channel boat from Folkstone, and, hurrying to the railroad station, learned that the express would not leave for Paris till 8 o'clock—a wait of five hours.

The day was cold. Snow was blowing around the street corner. The raw sea breeze cut to the marrow. Buttoning a thin overcoat, still crumpled from going through the crumming machine, sure sign of hospital treatment, I walked about aimlessly. "Fish and chips." Yes, that was what I wanted. I wasn't hungry, but it must be warm inside. It was also the last chance for some time to indulge in finny luxuries. Lots of water in those long, narrow trenches, skirt-ing "No-Man's-Land," but no fish. Grinning, I recalled one cold, heart-breaking morning, when an unseen German yelled across:

"Hello, Francais, have you the brandy?"

"No, have you?"

"No, we have not; but we have the water!"

We knew that—for we had just drained our trench into theirs.

I took my time and when not picking fish bones gazed, reflectively, at the miserable weather outside. I chatted in English with British Tommies and exchanged a few remarks in French with the little waitress. At the cashier's counter, a stranger, dressed as an English private soldier, rasped out, in an aggressive, authoritative voice:

"Here! You speak very good English."

In spite of not liking his tone, I responded, "Oh, I don't know."

"You don't know? Well, I know. You speak as good English as I do."

"I don't know that you have any monopoly on the English language."

"You don't know, eh, you don't know? I would like to know what you do know."

"Well, I know something you don't."

"What's that?"

"I know enough to mind my own business."

After a few seconds dead silence, the Englishman said, "Who are you?"

"That's my business."

"It's my business to find out."

"Well, find out."

"Let me see your papers."

"I will not."

"If you don't let me see your papers, I will take you up to the Base Court."

"You won't take me any place—understand that?"

I paid the frightened little waitress. The English Tommies were taking eyesfull instead of mouthsfull. I was angered. I was minding my own business. Why could not the Englishman mind his? The more I thought of it, the warmer I got. Turning to him I said, "You not only don't mind your own business, but you don't know where you are. You are in France, where soldiers are treated as men."

Half an hour later, the Englishman, accompanied by a Frenchman in uniform, stopped me in the street. The Frenchman spoke,—

"Good day, mister."

"Good day."

"Will you show me your papers, if you please?"

"Who are you—are you a policeman?"

"No."

"What right have you to see my papers?"

"I belong to the Bureau."

"The Bureau of shirkers?"

"No, the Bureau of the Place."

"Well, I will show them at the proper time and place."

A small crowd had collected. A poilu, covered with trench mud, asked, "What is the matter?"

"Oh, this fellow wants to see my papers."

"Well, haven't you got them?"

"Yes."

"Let me see them."

At the first glance he saw the Foreign Legion stamp.

"Ha, ha, la Legion! I know the Legion, come along and we will have a litre of wine."

So, we two walked away and left the crowd disputing among themselves. I remarked to the Englishman, who had stood silently watching, "I told you before, you were too ignorant

to mind your own business. Now, you see you are."

The wine disposed of, we parted. Looking back, I saw the Englishman following a hundred yards behind. He crossed the street and stood on the opposite corner. He stopped three English officers and told his little tale of woe. They crossed, in perfect time, spurs jingling, and bore down, three abreast, upon me, the pauvre poilu, who did not salute.

"You have come from England, where you have been spending your convalescence?"

"Yes."

"Have you your convalescence papers with you?"

"Of course."

"You must excuse me; but, would you mind showing them?"

"Certainly, with pleasure."

After scanning them, one said to the other, "They look all right." No answer. "They look all right, don't they, Phil?" No answer. The junior officer, a Lieutenant, conducted the examination. Of the other two older men,

one turned his head away, looking down the street, the other gazed at the Lieutenant with a peculiar, almost disgusted expression.

I then asked, "By the way, is it the business of the English in France to demand the credentials of French soldiers? What right has that man to interfere with me?"

"You must show your papers to the military authorities."

"Is that man a 'military authority'?"

The Lieutenant looked round and not seeing the disturber, turned to Phil, "Where is he?"

"Oh, I don't know. He said something about going to get the military police. Let's go." The Lieutenant, turning to me, said, "It is all right. You may go and tell that man we said you were all right."

I did not move, but stood at attention and saluted while the officers walked away.

I didn't know who "that man" was, nor yet the name of "we," but I didn't care. Half an hour later "that man" arrived with English

soldiers, or military police, headed by a newly made Corporal and a Scotch veteran who radiated intelligence with dignity and self-respect.

After walking, captive, a few minutes, I asked, "Where are we going?"

"To the Base Court."

I thought I was a sucker, playing the Butt-in-ski's game. Throwing my back against the wall, I answered,—“If you want to take me to the Base Court, you will have to carry me.”

A long silence followed, and a crowd collected. The English corporal started to bluster. I demanded,—“What business have you to interfere with me?”

“We have orders to make you show your papers.”

“Who gave you those orders?”

The Corporal did not answer. The Scotchman turned to him and said,—“Who is that damned fool that is always getting us into trouble?”

The Corporal responded,—“I don't know,—he gave me a card. Here it is.”

I looked over the Corporal's shoulder and read, Lieutenant P——n.

The Scotchman asked,—“Don't you have to show your papers?”

“Yes, to those who have the right to see them.”

“Who are they?”

“The gendarmes, the commissaire, and the proper officials.”

Then, that smooth Scotchman slipped one over on me,—“Look here, soldier, don't be foolish. Think of yourself and look at us—we would look like hell getting into a row with a French soldier, with this crowd about, wouldn't we? If you don't want to go to the English court, let's go to the French commissaire and get the damned thing over with.”

I replied, “You are engaged in a lovely business, aren't you? You permit German officers, who are fighting in the German army against Great Britain, to retain their titles in the English House of Lords; and you come over to France and arrest your ally, the French common soldier.”

“We had to mind orders, ma lad, 'E don't doubt ye're a' richt.”

The Corporal put in, "I'm not so sure about that."

I replied, "I bet you're making a trip for nothing."

"What will you bet?"

"Oh, I don't know—a glass of beer."

"Good, that's a go," said the Corporal. "Ah'll help ye drink it," said the Scot.

The Commissaire examined my papers closely. Turning to the Corporal, he asked, "What have you brought this man here for?"

The Corporal replied, "He speaks very good English and not very good French."

The Commissaire observed, "I don't know about his English, but he speaks better French than you do."

"We don't know who he is."

The Commissaire responded, "This man is a soldier of France, an American citizen, a volunteer in the Foreign Legion. His papers show that, and his identification badge confirms it. The papers also state he was wounded in the forehead. Look at that scar! The papers show he is returning to his regiment. Here is his rail-

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Hôpital d'évacuation N° 38

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LE MÉDECIN
AMBULANCE

CONVALESCENCE CERTIFICATE

road ticket. What do you want with him? What charge do you enter against him?"

The Corporal looked uncomfortable. The Scotchman walked away. The Commissaire came around the table and shook hands with me. In horror, the Corporal whispered, pointing to the Commissaire, "He is a Colonel!" and started to walk away. I called out, "Here, where are you going—aren't you going to buy that beer?"

After buying, the Corporal hurried off. I followed more slowly and watched half a dozen English soldiers, in animated conversation with the Corporal, the Scotchman and the Lieutenant Buttinski.

I studied the pantomime for some time, then wandered about, till my train was ready to start for Paris. Seeing Lieutenant P——n looking through the iron railing, I waved him farewell; but he did not respond. A Frenchman would either have waved his hand or shaken his fist!

CHAPTER XVI

NATURE'S FIRST LAW

The American soldier in France finds new scenes, new conditions, new customs. Unconsciously he compares life back home with his new experiences, often to the latter's disadvantage. He sees things he does not like, that he would change, that he could improve. But, what does appeal to him as perfect is the large number of small farms (53 per cent of Frenchmen are engaged in agriculture) with the little chateaux, built upon miniature estates, exquisitely tended, artistically designed, that give joy to the eye and food for the stomach. These beautiful homes encourage thrift, they show him, often, the better way.

Pride of possession makes the Frenchman patriotic, national. When the enemy struck France, they struck him. He rushed to the frontier to meet invaders who sought to subdue him and destroy his happy home. From a cheerful, mirth-loving man, he has become se-

rious and morose. Not now does he sing or laugh. He has been treated unjustly. An overwhelming power tried to force on him something he will not have. He does not bluster—he waits. He does not scold—he works. When the time comes—he acts.

To the non-land-owning German industrial slaves, driven by the strong hand of Autocracy, he says,—“You shall not enslave us. If you have not the brains to free yourselves, we shall free you, whether you wish it or not.” To the robbers’ cry for peace (so they can legalize their stolen loot) the French soldier replies,—“Yes, when justice has been done, justice to the wronged, the oppressed, the raped. Justice is obtained by regular procedure in a criminal court, not by negotiation between equals. Arbitration is not possible between a crazy man and the woman he has assaulted. The mad man must be caught and properly judged. If insane, he should be confined, if not, he must be punished.”

As civilians become city broke, soldiers take on army ways. Instead of walking in mobs, they move in rows. Near the front, from march-

ing in companies, they advance in sections. These disintegrate, when an apparently stray shell comes along. Units become individuals of initiative and intelligence, adaptable to sudden, strange environment. Necessity supersedes the regular book of rules. Books are printed, orders given, to regulate ordinary conditions.

The soldier's conditions under fire are neither ordinary nor regular. Instinct tells him when to brace, when to duck. He knows an order to stand up or lie down won't stop that shell, put his cocoanut back, or reassemble his family tree. So, he does what he thinks best. He may obey or disobey the order, and save or lose his life. The man who gave the order may die because he did, or did not, obey.

A good soldier can generally kick off unnecessaries as fast as a poor officer can load them on. He runs light before the wind. Instead of wearing himself out as a hewer of wood and a hauler of water, he saves his strength for the enemy.

A luminous watch on the wrist, a compass in the pocket, a 2x6 box, with toilet necessaries,

are his private stock in trade. The other sixty pounds are regular army. He always hangs onto his gun, cartridges, bombs, little shovel, and tin hat. He doesn't want tight-fitting shoes, but prefers them a size or two large. He doesn't buckle his belt regulation style. Instead of buckling his cartridge belt in front, he fastens it on the side, so he can slide the cartridge boxes around, where they won't gouge into his body when he sleeps. He covers his rifle with oil. He wipes out his mess tin with dry bread crumbs. He does not gormandize before a long march, or fill up on cold water. He keeps his feet in good condition. He covers up his head when asleep, so the rats won't disturb him. He keeps his rifle within reach and is always ready to move at a moment's notice.

One day, he may have eaten up the regulation hand-book of rules, for breakfast, dined comfortably on regimental orders, and, going to sleep, with taps blowing in his dome, dreamed sets of fours and double time. Next day, he wakes up, to find by actual experience that, while plans are made and ordered, everything is actually gained by opportunity, individuality, initiative.

He may pass years in peaceful climes, going, like a side-walk comedian, through the empty mummeries of a Broadway spectacular production. Put under shot and shell, he just knows he is a soldier, who must keep his feet warm and his head cool.

The Poilu is first, first on outpost, first at the enemy, first in his home, first in the affection of his country. From the ranks of the poilu the officers are drawn. He is the Foundation. He honors France, France honors him.

When, in 1914, he, with the original Tommy Atkins, turned at the Marne, attacked fifty-two army corps of well-equipped, well-drilled, rapidly advancing, victorious Huns, outnumbering him 8 to 5, and drove them back with his bayonet (for some regiments had no cartridges), he saved not only France, but England, America and civilization.

During the terrible year of 1915, it was the bare breast and naked bayonet of the poilu and the little French 75 that halted superior forces of the enemy, flanked and aided by longer-

ranged, heavy artillery, Zeppelins, liquid flame and aeroplanes.

Remember, German casualties, the first year of the war, were 3,500,000 men.

For eight continuous months, he was adamant, behind Verdun. One million men (600,000 Germans and 400,000 French) were incapacitated within the three square mile tract that guards the entrance to that historic town, where, a century before, Napoleon kept his English prisoners. Here, the poilu sent the German lambs to glory as fast as their Crown Prince could lead them to the slaughter.

With face of leather, his forehead a mass of wrinkles, which hurt neither the face nor his feelings—a man as careless of dress as the French poilu, naturally, doesn't care whether his clothes fit him or not,—he goes his fine, proud way. His once happy countenance, now saddened by suffering, will yet light up in appreciation. A little kindness makes him eloquent. Strong in the righteousness of his cause, he does not bow his head in sorrow, or

bend in weakness. He stands upright, four-square to the world. He has lived down discomfort. He cares nothing for exposure or starvation. He has seen what the brutes have done in the reconquered villages he passed through. He is determined they shall not do it in his home, or, if his home is in the invaded territory, he declares they shall pay for the damage. Animated by the spirit of justice, ennobled by the example of St. Genevieve, of Jeanne d'Arc, of Napoleon, inspired by the courage and devotion of the wonderful women of France, supported by a united country, he knows he is fighting for self-preservation and a world's freedom.

He closed, locked, barred the door at the Marne. Now he guards the gate. He makes no complaint and asks no favors. With almost certainty of death in front, trouble in his heart, body racked by fatigue, with dark forebodings of the future, bled white by repeated onslaughts, he remains at his post and does his duty, without a murmur.

French officers are real, improved property, not vacant lots. They are leaders, not follow-

ers. Ordinary people see what goes on before their eyes. The French officer is not an ordinary person. Anything that is happening, or has happened, his quick mind connects with something else a mile away—not yet arrived. When it comes along, it has already been met; and he is waiting for the next move. His special study is the German Military Manual, his long suit concentration and initiative.

He will grasp another man's opportunity, tie a double knot in it, and have it safely stowed away, before the bungler misses it. He discounts the future, beats the other man to it and arrives with both feet when not expected—just before the other is quite ready. Endowed with foresight, farsight, secondsight and hindsight, he sees all about and far away in front. Every isolated movement is noticed. He connects it up with some future possible development, eventuality or danger.

Men of other nations may have delusions about German organization and system, but the French officer has none. He has beaten Fritz, time after time. He knows he can do it again; and, if there is any one thing he espe-

cially delights in, it is to throw a wrench into that ponderous, martial machinery and break Kultur's plans. Germans are lost with no rule to follow, and their head-piece won't work. They are at the mercy of the man who makes precedents, but who does not bother to follow them.

Many a soldier has an aversion to saluting officers—it looks like servility. We do it with pleasure in France, as a token of respect. The French officers at the front do not insist upon it, and often shake hands after the return salute. *Mon Capitaine* is the father of his company, the soldiers are *mes enfants* (my children). They go to the captain when they have a grievance, not as a favor, but because it is their right; and he grants their request—or gives them four days in prison, as the case demands, with a smile. Soldiers accept his decision without question. The French officer does not mistake snobbishness for gentility or braggadocio for bravery. In the attack, he takes the lead. In the trench warfare he shares dangers and discomforts with his men.

It is a great honor to be an active French officer. He is there because his achievements

forced him upward. He has climbed over obstacles, and been promoted on account of merit, not through influence. He holds the front, while the inefficient, the aged, or crippled, are relegated to the rear.

The soldier pays with his hide for the civilian's comforts. The civilian, in turn, apes the soldier, presents a military bearing, in khaki coat, with swagger stick, a camera, a haversack and Joiners' decorations. While the citizen works (or shirks) to sustain the soldier, he is either using his strength on the front, or building it up in the hospital.

An enthusiastic, spirited volunteer, gradually becomes a silent, sober, calculating veteran. His days have been troubled. His nights knew no peace. Recognizing discipline as the first principle of organization, that it is necessary to have individual obedience, for a group to act harmoniously, he submits. On the front, he finds—himself.

Half a dozen men are taking comfort in the shelter of a dugout. The next instant, five are

one hundred feet in air, snuffed out, torn into atoms. But one is left, staring, mouth open. The others, swift arrivals at Kingdom Come, went so quickly into the great Beyond, they never knew or felt the shock.

So with the rum ration low and the water high, the morning bright in sunlight, surroundings dark with death, one's thoughts spring from the mind. Words fill the mouth. One grasps his pencil to catch burning impressions that flood his brain. He might as well try to tell his grandmother how to raise babies as to think straight! He reaches out and connects up, apparently isolated, strings of thought. He links a chain of circumstance bearing on destruction's delirious delusion that now rocks the foundations of the world, which reacts on and affects every civilization and individual on earth.

He looks at things from an angle different from that of the civilian. He has a new conception of life. He is not the same person he was before the war. No longer does he smell the flowers, eat the fruit, or dwell in the home of civilization. He has lived, like a beast, in a

hole in the ground, and slept in a seeping dug-out with the rats and the lice. He has seen his companion go over the top, killed off, changed from a human comrade into a clod. He has lived long between two earthen walls, the blue sky above, a comrade on each side, with Fritz across the way.

It was a narrow prospect. His point of view was limited; but he knew that, while apparently alone, he and his comrades were links in that strong, continuous chain of men who keep back the enemies of Freedom. Behind that chain are others, bracing, reinforcing,—artillery, infantry, aviators, reserves, money, provisions and ammunition, flocking to his aid from America, from Great Britain, from the uttermost parts.

Those larger operations in the rear affect him but indirectly. The details in front are of vital interest. They mean life or death. Every alteration in the landscape demands closest investigation. Boys do not play, nor old women gabble, in No-Man's-Land. Nothing is done there is a cause. An unusual piece of cloth without a reason, and, for every change,

or paper is scrutinized by a hundred men, while a suspicious movement empties their guns.

The soldier acquires the habit of noticing little things. He sees a small, starved flower, struggling for sunshine and strength, alongside the trench. He wonders why it chose such an inhospitable home. Next day, there is no flower, no trench—just an immense, gaping hole in the torn ground.

He watches the rats. Why are they so impudent and important? He grows so accustomed to them, he does not even squirm, when they run across him in the darkness at night. He knows they have enough camp offal and dead men's bodies—they do not eat the living. He watches the cat with interest. She is an old timer and has seen regiments come and go. Her owners are in exile—they have no home—the Germans took it. So, pussy, a lady of sense and good taste, dwells with the French soldier. He looks at her long, lanky frame and wishes for some milk to give her, to counteract the poison of the rat food. A shell comes along. Pussy runs into the dugout, but comes out again to

be petted. Another shell, again she scurries away. Kitty does not like shells any more than do humans.

War is the great leveler. Deplored as pitiless destroyer, it more than equalizes, a creator of good. It annihilates property, kings and thrones; but it produces men. It taps hitherto unseen springs of sympathy and mutual helpfulness, where thrived formerly but the barren waste of self-sufficiency. It unmask the humbug and reveals the humanitarian. It teaches individual selflessness. The cruelties of the oppressor are overcome by love for the oppressed. The dominance of wickedness is brought low by sweet charity for its victims.

CHAPTER XVII

THE INVADED COUNTRY

I have seen the German under many conditions. In the early days of the war, I used to listen to his songs—sung very well. But, he does not sing now. I have watched the smoke rise, in the early morning, as he cooked his breakfast. I have dodged his flares, his grenades, and his sentinels, at night. I have heard his shovels ring as he dug himself down, and have listened to his talk to his neighbor. I have seen him come up on all fours, from his dugout, crying “Kamerad”; and I cannot say, that, as a common soldier, he is a bad fellow.

The brutality seems to start with the sous-officer. It gets more refined and cruel as rank goes up. I have noticed the dazed, hopeless expression of pregnant women at Sillery-Sur-Marne. They stayed under fire of the guns, rather than carry their grief into safety. They emerged from their Calvary, with faces as of the dead, impassive, masklike, hiding scars of agony.

I talked with a young woman shop-keeper at Verpeliers. The Germans had been in her house—slept on the floor, thick as sardines in a box. They ate up her stock and did not pay. Was she not afraid? She laughed a happy laugh. "What me, Monsieur, afraid? I am Francaise. What do I care for those swine? The sous-officers tried to make me give in. They pointed guns at me, and tried to pull me along with them when the French returned. I screamed and fought. Four of my lodgers are where those crosses stand at the bend of the road. The others are prisoners. I am paid, all right, and am satisfied." "Yes," she continued, "they charged our old men with being in telephonic communication with the French Army. Twelve were arrested, marked with a blue cross on the right cheek, and have not been heard from since. Two, M. Poizeaux, aged 47, and M. Vassel, 78 years old, were brought back and shot the same evening."

At Rodern, in reconquered Alsace, where the natives spoke German, the streets were marked in German letters, German proclamations were on the walls, and German money was current, I sat with Tex Bondt, in a low Alsatian room,

by candle light. The heavy family bed was let into a wall and screened off by a curtain, the floor was of stone, the furniture primitive. A short, squat woman was bewailing her misfortunes. This mother had six sons and three daughters. Three boys mobilized with the German Army. Two were killed. The other is on the Russian front. Of the three, who ran away and joined the French army, one was killed and two wounded. Two of her girls, nurses in the German Army, were killed during a bombardment. As she listened, I watched emotion come and go in the eyes of the remaining daughter.

In the hospital at Montreuil-Ballay, I met an old man, wounded in the arm. The fracture would not knit. Unable to sleep, weeping relieved him. He said, "My wife and I were at home near Lille, in bed one night. The Germans broke in the door, came upstairs, jabbed me with a bayonet and made me get out. I kept going and joined the French Army."

"And your wife, what of her?"

"I don't know, I have neither seen nor heard from her from that day to this."

Again, in the hospital at Pont de Veyle, a young man on a neighboring cot told me, "Yes,

I am from the invaded country. My name is La Chaise. Before the war, my father was Inspector General of railroads for the Department of the North, with headquarters at Lille. When the Germans advanced he was taken prisoner. I ran away, joined the French Army, and my mother and sister were left at our home. A German Colonel billeted himself in the house. He liked my sister,—she was very beautiful. This is her photograph, and these are tresses of her hair when she was twelve and eighteen years of age. This is her last letter to me. One night the Colonel tried to violate my sister. She screamed, my mother ran in, shot him twice with a revolver and killed him. The sentry entered, took my mother and sister to prison; and, next morning they were lined up against a wall and shot."

One night at Madame's,—the bake-shop across the road from the hospital at La Croix aux Mines, with Leary, an Irishman, Simpson, a New Zealander, and an Englishman who was in charge of the Lloyds Ambulance service, we listened to Madame.

"Yes, the Germans descended on us from the hilltops like a swarm of locusts, ate and drank

up everything in sight, hunted us women out of our houses into the road and told us it was our last chance for liberty. We ran and the Germans followed. We did not know we were being used as a screen, that we were sheltering the Boche behind. The French would not shoot at us but they got the Germans just the same, from the flank. I shall never forget our selfishness. All we thought about was getting to our French friends, and we were covering the advance of our enemies! If we had known, we'd have died first."

The Englishman, who had been in the retreat from Mons, drawled out,—“Yes, you Americans think the Germans are not bad people. I used to think so, too, but when I listened to the Belgians telling how some little girls were treated, though I felt they were telling the truth, it was too horrible to believe. So three of us Red Cross men went out one night,—where they told us the girls were buried. We dug them up; and, let me tell you, no person on earth will ever make me associate with a German again.”

At Nestle, they carried away 164 women. The official German explanation was that they

should work in Germany, while the cynical officers said they would use them as orderlies. On August 29, 1914, when the Germans entered the city, a mother of seven children was violated by three soldiers. Later, she was knocked down and again assaulted, by an officer. Five inhabitants were lined up against a wall to be shot, when a French counter-attack liberated them.

In the spring of 1917, at Vraignes, in the invaded district, the Germans told the people they were to be evacuated. After the inhabitants had gathered their personal belongings, they were driven into the courtyard, stripped and robbed of their possessions. Twenty-four young women were carried away from this town of 253 population.

At Le Bouage, a suburb of Chauny, before the Germans retreated, the French refugees were lined up a distance of two kilometers on the Chauny-Noyon road and kept there, in a pouring rain, four hours. Even the invalids were carried out on stretchers. German officers passed along the line and picked out thirty-one young girls and women, one an invalid girl, thirteen years of age, and carried them away

with the retreating army. Of the remainder within two weeks, fifty persons succumbed from the exposure.

On February 18th, at Noyon, when the Germans were compelled to retreat, in addition to burning, wrecking and looting, they carried away by force fifty young girls between fourteen and twenty-one years of age. They looted the American Relief store, dynamited the building, then turned the canal water into the basement.

From Roubaix, Turcoing and Lille 25,000 civilians were deported.

"These slave raids commenced, April 22, 1916, at 3 o'clock in the morning. Troops, with fixed bayonets, barred the streets, machine guns commanded the roads, against unarmed people. Soldiers made their way into the houses, officers pointed out the people who were to go. Half an hour later, everybody was driven, pell-mell, into an adjacent factory, from there to the station, whence they departed." Taken from the Yellow Book, published by the Minister of War, dated June 30, 1916.

At Warsage, August 4, 1914, the day Belgium was violated, three civilians were shot, six hanged, nine murdered.

At Luneville, eighteen civilians were killed, including one boy of twelve, shot, and an old woman of ninety-eight, bayoneted.

At Liege, twenty-nine civilians were murdered, some shot and others bayoneted — yet others burned alive.

At Seilles, fifty civilians were killed.

At Audennes, August 20 and 21, 1914, 250 civilians were killed, according to French records, while General Von Bulow, over his own signature, in a written order to the people of Liege, dated August 22, says that he commanded the town to be reduced to ashes and ordered 110 persons shot.

The process of terrorism is invariably the same: — First, the crushing blow of invasion, followed by pillage, rape and murder; then, when the victims are paralyzed, crushed in

spirit, shocked to the heart's core, obnoxious regulations are published and enforced to prevent their recuperating.

At La Fontenelle, Ban de Sept, and many other villages along the front, manure had been thrown into the wells, the fruit trees were cut down, the copper was torn from coffins of the dead, the farm houses were demolished, and all property was taken away or destroyed. One would not pay \$10 for the whole outfit of a peasant farmer's home: table, a half dozen chairs, a bedstead in the corner, a crucifix hanging on the wall, a marriage certificate and a picture of the virgin, yet all was gone. The ammunition trains that came up from Germany went back loaded with such poor people's belongings. Nothing left, an old woman's bonnet on a dung-heap, a baby's shoe in a corner, a broken picture frame or two—that's all.

Talk about forgiving the Germans! Robbing the poor, the destruction of property, possibly may be forgiven. Property can be replaced. But, the systematic, deliberate ruin of non-combatant, innocent women and children, is a crime against civilization that can never be

forgiven or forgotten. For generations to come, the German will be treated as an outlaw. He will be shunned—worse than a beast. Unclean, he will have to purge himself before he may again be accepted in the society of decent women and men.

Think of those fine-grained, sensitive French girls, compelled to live with brutes—generally surly, often drunk, who have killed their husbands, their brothers, their fathers! They have broken all the rules of war. They have outraged every decency. They are so sunk in the abyss of shame that they know neither respect for the living nor reverence for the dead.

CHAPTER XVIII

LOVE AND WAR

Love and war go together. War destroys the body but love lives on with the soul. Love and war have transformed the hitherto seemingly empty-pated, fashionable woman to an angel of mercy. Socialists have developed into patriots, artisans have become statesmen, good-for-nothings are now heroes, misers have grown to be philanthropists.

Man, missing woman's ministrations at the front, turns instinctively to her when opportunity offers. Hard, fierce, unyielding to his fellows, he relaxes in her sheltering affection. He is but a boy grown. He wants to be petted, coddled, civilized again.

The woman realizes he has suffered for her. He knows what she has sacrificed for him. War has brought them together, brushed aside false pride and hypocrisy and revealed refreshing springs of patriotism and love out of which

flows a union of hearts and hopes that only those who suffer, sacrifice and endure together can realize.

The man is better for having been a soldier. He is self-reliant, stronger in mind and body. Through discipline he has become punctual and dependable. All snobbishness, fads and isms are now out of him. He is more tolerant and charitable. He recognizes the value of woman's work in the home, in the hospital and in the munition factory. As a representative of her country, whose uniform he wears, he carries himself more proudly, more uprightly.

What a soldier is to the army, a home is to the nation. The home is safe only so long as is the country. With foreign invasion, all values become nothing. The woman, the man, the home, the country are interwoven. Beyond lie the right to live their lives, personal liberty, representative government, the preservation, yes, even the propagation of the race.

To check that on-coming German tide which threatened to wipe away everything he holds

dear, the soldier has fitted himself into that surging, bending, human wall. Behind it, under the shadow of death, woman works and waits, in a quiet that knows not peace—often in vain—filled with care and dread, ever striving to be calm, she hides her heart's pain.

Ancestors died for the liberty his flag represents. Posterity must enjoy the same freedom. So, he bridges the gap, shoulders the load and becomes a better lover, husband, father. Having learned his obligation to the nation, he is a better citizen for all time. One man's daughter loves and marries another's son and they become one. War tears them apart. He goes to the trenches. She keeps the home fires burning. Love holds them together while he fights to protect and preserve, she works to support and maintain.

That man is not yet whose pen can do justice to the incomparable woman of France. She is a wonderful combination of heart, head and health. The women of colder climes love with their minds. The French woman with her heart. She gives all, regardless of consequences.

Cynical critics may have their cool sensibilities shocked at the sight of a well-turned ankle, crossing a muddy street. That is as near as they get to the sweet creature they outwardly condemn, but secretly approve. She plays square and wants to love as well as be loved. She gives love and is loved in return. While the woman who wants something, but gives nothing, instils her selfishness into others.

The selfish person loves him or herself and gives no love to friend, family or country. The unselfish woman absorbs love, and, as a flower its perfume, scatters fragrance. She inspires the noblest sentiments of loyalty and patriotism. She places herself and her best beloved upon the altar of her country. It is always she who has given most, who is willing to give all.

Mere man notices her dainty figure, her happy disposition, her cheery, outspoken manner, her charm and goodness of heart, the utter absence of vulgarity and ill-temper. Her tears are shed in solitude. Laughter is for her friends. He admires her at a distance, because she is sheltered in the home until marriage. The French man must pass the family council

before becoming an accepted suitor. He consults them in his business ventures. His troubles become theirs when Mademoiselle changes to Madame and is his comrade as well as a continued sweetheart. She devotes her whole time and attention to him. Her clever, home-making instinct is combined with good business sense. She is a valuable partner in life's great enterprise.

One of the most beautiful sights in France is, on a Sunday afternoon the *poilu* home on furlough, satisfied to drink a bottle or two of wine with his family, and rest. He did not want to see anyone else. But she insists he must see grandmother and sister-in-law, drop into the café and inquire about old comrades, then, enjoy a walk out into the country.

In the gathering twilight Madame conducts her straggling brood home, her hands full of flowers, her eyes full of love—the little doll-like children, with long, flowing hair, romping nearby. The *poilu* has lost that dark, brooding look. That little touch of Nature and the woman diverted his mind from suffering and revived his sentiment. She sent him back to

the front with a smile on her lips—hiding the dread of her heart.

The thought of peace is ever with her—she longs for it. But her conscience will not permit her to ask it. She thinks of the thousands of graves that dot the hillsides with the cross at their heads. She will suffer the torments of hell rather than that such devoted men shall have passed in vain.

Their little savings have been used up. The clothes are worn thin. She works, slaves to keep the wolf from the door. She manages to send an occasional five-franc note to her poilu. She labors in munition factories, the tramways, the postal service, in the fields, replacing the man, while cows and dogs do the work of the horses, who, like the men, are on the front. She wears wooden shoes and pulls hand-carts about the street. She drives the milch cow that plows the land, cleans the cars and wipes the engines on the railroad, cooks the food and nurses the wounded and sick in hospitals, does clerical work in the commissary department and military bureaus—chasing out the fat slackers who were strutting in the rear.

In spite of all, she retains her feminacy. She is still as alluring, as good a comrade, as cheerful and gay, outwardly, as though her body were not racked by fatigue, her heart not choked with sadness. Occasionally she forgets herself. The mask falls off and trouble stares through the windows of her soul. Catching that look in the eyes of my nurse once, I exclaimed: "Cheer up! It will be all right after the war." She replied: "After the war? There will be no 'after the war.' You'll be dead, I'll be dead. We shall all be dead. There'll be no 'after the war.'"

Many French girls have deliberately married mutilated cripples to cheer and to help them earn their living. A beautiful young woman, gazing into the eyes of her soldier, said: "Why should we not? They lost their legs and arms for us—we cannot do too much for them."

Does the *poilu* appreciate this? Does he? What if he did lose one leg for such a woman? He would give the other with pleasure!

On furlough one evening, eating supper in my favorite café in Paris, I observed a most horribly repulsive object. He had once been a

poilu, but a shell battered his face so that it resembled humanity not at all. His nose was flattened out. His skin was mottled and discolored. A hole was where the mouth had been. Both eyes were gone and one arm was crippled. He sat and waited for food. Madame came from behind the counter and looked on. A fat boy, repelled and sickened, forgot his appetite and gazed, unconsciously stroking his stomach, fascinated by that mutilated creature.

A very beautiful girl, whose face might pass her into Heaven without confession, left the well-dressed gormands with empty plates. She went and served the unfortunate one. She cut his meat and held his napkin that caught the drippings. She was so kind and gentle and showed such consideration, I asked her:

"Is that the proprietor?"

"Oh, no."

"Your husband or sweetheart, perhaps?"

"I have none."

"Who was he?"

"Un pauvre poilu."

Again, we were in a peasant woman's farmhouse. She wore wooden shoes, without socks.

Just home from work in the fields, she asked two convalescent soldiers to help drink a bottle of wine, and we sat and talked with her.

“Yes,” she said, her dark eyes shining with pride, “my husband was a soldier, too. He is now a prisoner in Germany. This is his photograph. Don’t you think he looks well? He was a machine gunner in Alsace. He did not run away when the Germans came, but stayed and worked the gun.” Then, speaking of a well dressed little girl sitting on my Egyptian comrade’s knee: “He has never seen her—she is only two years old and thinks every soldier is papa.”

Hanging from the roof was a row of dried sausages. Pointing to them she said: “Yes, I send him a package every week and never forget to put in a sausage. Don’t you think from the photograph he looks well?”

In the stable were two milch cows and a young heifer. Indicating the latter, she said: “He has not seen her, either. When he comes home I am going to kill her, faire le bomb, and ask all the family.”

The look of pride changed into a haunted, pained, far-away gaze: "Oh, dear, we shall all be women! Except my husband and Francois, my brother, all our men are dead—four of my brothers! Francois is the last. The Government sent him from the front to keep the family alive. Don't you think France was good to us to do that?"

When in hospital I met the grand dame from the nearby chateau. She harnessed her own horse and drove through the rain, on a wintry morning, to play the organ at early mass. She nursed a ward in the hospital through the day and returned home alone in the darkness to make her own supper.

"Oh," she said, "I don't mind it, I do what I can. I was not brought up right or I could be of more use. Before the war, we had fifteen servants. They are now fighting. We have only two left, a half-wit and a cripple."

"Do you know," she said, "I have never heard the English marching song 'Tipperary.' I just love music. In Tours the other day, I saw it

on sale, my hand was in my pocket before I knew. But I happened to think of our brave soldiers; they need so many things"—

Noticing the troubled look on the usually serene countenance of a very good friend, I asked her: "Why those clouds?"

"Oh," she replied, "they have just called Gaston to the colors. His class is summoned. You know how I have pinched and saved to bring that boy up right. Now, he must go and I cannot make myself feel glad. I ought to feel proud, but I cannot. I don't feel right. Every time I look at him I think of my husband and his one leg."

During the early days of the war I was out with my landlady, whose calculating instinct in the matter of extra charges separated me from all my loose change. Going past the Gare d'Est Paris we noticed a crowd about a French soldier. He had a German helmet in his hand. Walking up to him, she said:

"What is that?"

"A German helmet, Madame."

"Did you get that?"

"Yes, Madame."

"Did you get it yourself?"

"Certainly, Madame."

"Here, take this, go back and get some more." She passed her pocketbook over to the poilu.

The soldier stared; the crowd stared; but the soldier was a thoroughbred. Crooking his elbow and sticking the helmet out on his index finger, he bowed:

"Will Madame give me pleasure by accepting the helmet?"

Would she! Boche helmets were scarce in those days. Beautiful Mademoiselles in that crowd would have given their souls to possess such a treasure! Neither they nor I knew Madame. Her eyes looked level into those of the soldier as she demanded:

"You are not a Parisian?"

"No, Madame."

"To what province are you going?"

"Brittany."

"When?"

"At six o'clock tonight."

"Have you a wife?"

"Yes, Madame."

"Will you do something for me?"

"With the greatest pleasure!"

"Well, keep that casque in your hand until you arrive in Brittany. Then give it to your wife. She will always love you for it and your children will never forget such a father!"

Walking away, Madame dropped into silence. I looked at her curiously. Was she sorry she had given away her money? Did she regret not accepting that highly-prized helmet, or was she thinking of the pleasure that gift would give the soldier's wife?

Suddenly she turned and said: "Well, one thing is certain."

"What is certain?"

"You will have to pay my car fare home."

The self-sacrifice and devotion of the woman permeates the atmosphere—from the lowest to the highest. It is contagious. It is evident, even to a stranger, and it restores his faith in human nature. She is the other half of the poilu. He excels in courage and fortitude. She completes him with an untiring zeal.

163^e RÉGIMENT d'INFANTERIE

Extrait

de l'Ordre du Régiment N^o 144

Le Chef de Bataillon Raugier Commandant 163^e
Régiment d'Infanterie cite à l'Ordre du Régiment

Boyer John, soldat de 1^{re} classe, N^o 11456, de la 1^{re} Co.

« Supt américain, engagé dans l'armée active
bien qu'il ait dépassé par son âge les limites du service
militaire. Est l'expression du dévouement le plus
absolu. »

Sur le front depuis le 29 mai 1918, est toujours
volontaire pour les missions dangereuses et les postes
les plus pénibles. »

Son extrait conforme :

S.P. 103, le 1^{er} Décembre 1918
Le Chef de Bn. Coll. fa^{te} 163^e R.I.

P.C. le 1^{er} Décembre 1918
Le Chef de Bn. Coll. fa^{te} 163^e R.I.
Signé : Raugier

[Signature]

CROIX DE GUERRE CITATION

One beautiful, romantic feature of French army life is the adoption of soldiers by god-mothers. In one instance, a girl fifteen years of age, having enough money, adopted a half dozen. One of them proved to be a Senegalize, who wished to take the young lady back to Africa to complete his harem!



CROIX DE GUERRE

Famous French War Cross

The star denotes an individual citation, "John Bowe, an American citizen, engaged in the active army, who in spite of his age (past the limits of military service) has given an expression of the most absolute devotion. Upon the front since the 9th of May, 1915, he has always volunteered for the dangerous missions and the most perilous posts."

The uncertainties and possibilities of the situation distract the soldier's mind from his real, staring troubles. His thoughts are directed into pleasant channels. The lady sends him little comforts, extra food, or money, and, maybe, invites him to spend his furlough at her residence. She always does,

if he is from invaded territory. If they prove congenial, friendship sometimes ripens into love and love into marriage. It relieves the lonesome isolation of the soldier, and gives the woman a direct, personal interest in the war.

In the spring of 1916, I stood at the Spouters' Corner in Hyde Park, London, where Free Speech England allows its undesirables to express themselves. Here the authorities classify, label and wisely permit each particular crank or freak to blow off surplus gas. If suppressed, it might explode or fester and become a menace.

In French uniform, I was listening to the quips of a woman lecturer who really was a treat. "Yes," she cried, "Mr. Asquith has asked us poor people to economize. Instead of spending three shillings a day, we must only spend two; and our average wage is but a bob and a half. The high cost of living is nothing to the cost of high living. When Mr. Asquith pushes that smooth, bald head of his up through the Golden Gates, St. Peter will think it is a bladder of lard, and lard is worth two shillings per pound. So he will 'wait and see' if he can

use it at the price." (English call Asquith Mr. "Wait and See.") "Yes," she continued, "I try to be careful to make things last as long as possible. Instead of buying a new petticoat, I now change the one I have wrong side out and make it last twice as long."

I was absorbing these subtleties when a French lady, dressed in velvet and furs, noticing my faded blue uniform, stepped up, excused herself, and asked if I were not a French soldier, and would I have a cup of tea with her?

Thus, I found my god-mother.

One year later, again on furlough, passing through London, I called on my good friend and was invited to accompany her to church. After a long prayer, so long as to excite my curiosity, she whispered: "I used to come here every Sunday and pray for you. In this seat, at this part of the service, I prayed you would come back again. I wanted you here with me today so I could show you to God. Now I am content. He will take care of you."

Opening her prayer-book, she took out a piece of paper and pressed it into my hand. It was

an extract from a London newspaper, which told of my being decorated by the French Government. I had not told her, and was not aware the news had been in the London papers.

At the house, later, Captain Underwood, one of Rawlinson's invalided veterans, who was in the retreat from Antwerp, inquired: "Did our friend show you the paper?"

"Yes."

"Well, she bought that newspaper one night and came here crying out, 'See what my poilu has done, and he never said a word to me about it!' When you blew in, she made us promise we would not mention it till after you came back from church."

CHAPTER XIX

DEMOCRACY

Democratic Government is the direct opposite of the German system. In America the individual is superior to the state, on the principle that man was born before the state was organized. He was there first, endowed by Nature with certain inalienable rights, such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

He organized a government to make those rights secure with the state as servant—not master of his destiny. The public official is just the people's hired man. He is not paid to give, or to permit, one set of individuals to gain advantage. He must enforce equality, and see that every citizen has equal rights with equal opportunities. Where rights are equal, privileges must be. Where there is inequality of rights there is inequality of privilege. The burden, shirked by the privileged class, is thrown upon those whose rights have been usurped, making their load doubly heavy.

In time of peace, preparedness is the premium paid for war insurance. During war, impartial, obligatory military service is based on equality of men.

The danger to democratic institutions lies not in the people, but in those that prey upon them, who, having obtained unfair privilege, not satisfied, continually grasp for more. We have seen what inequality has done to the Germans and we do not want it in America.

This war should sound the death knell of the professional politician. The trimmer, carrying water on both shoulders has schemed for power while others worked. Afraid of losing votes, he did not stand up for the right. He goes into the discard, replaced by men of ability and courage. Leaders of the people will remove the inefficient tool of privilege.

War is a habit breaker? It is a series of jolts. The start of the war was a jolt. The day of peace will be another. Just as one trench is wiped out and another made, some day we shall wake to find frontiers gone, the whole map of

Europe changed, with the people ruling where were kings. Nothing will be the same. Old thoughts, ideas, beliefs, prejudices, humbugs—social, political and religious, will have been thrown into the melting pot. The bogus will disappear and only Truth remain.

French Law and Equality are based on natural justice. What the people have won are the bases of their liberty. The magistrates, the judges on duty, the legislators, are the means used to secure these liberties.

They maintain that men are born and should live, free, with equal rights and duties, that social distinction should be founded, not on wealth or nobility, but on public benefits to the community, that honors should be given to the most able, to the most faithful, without regard to wealth or birth.

Rights are, liberty, property, security and resistance to oppression. Liberty is a natural right. Force, time, circumstance shall not abolish it. It is not liberty to do one's own will, regardless of others. Individual liberty stops where the rights of the community commence.

The object of political association is the preservation of rights.

The principle of sovereignty rests in the people, as expressed through their representatives. The Law is the written expression of the people's will. It is the guarantee of rights to all. All citizens need the law. All are eligible to be honored by dispensing or enforcing its requirements.

All shall pay toward the administration of Government, and all shall fight to maintain it. No man shall be stopped or delayed except by law. Those who issue arbitrary or unlawful orders shall be punished. All men are accepted as innocent till proved guilty. A man has a right to express his opinion and religious convictions, provided they are not contrary to law.

The law, on its part, does not interfere with dogmas or schisms, but assures to each man liberty of expression and action, to think, and speak, write and circulate, that which he believes true. This free expression of ideas makes Public Opinion, which is for the advantage of all, not for the exclusive use of some few to whom it may be confided. It is the safeguard

of independence and does not make for oppression. Public Opinion creates the Law, which, in turn, becomes the guarantee of the people.

All law-makers, dispensing agents, public servants, must make a report of their administration when called on for it by the people. The rights of men are absolutely guaranteed by the laws being rigorously applied, impartially. Those, who, elected to power, use that power for their own private ends, rather than for the good of all, are punished.

Behind the army and the woman, are the Cabinet, the Senate, and the Chamber of Deputies—the leaders of thought and action. The people, as thus represented, are the supreme power, the army is subordinate. France is a people with an army. Germany is an army with a people. Democratic France insists on equality, even in military life. It will not permit an officer to grant himself, or his friends, furloughs which are denied private soldiers. As the private soldier may be court-martialed for his sins, so may the general officer, who, through drunkenness, inefficiency or treachery, sacrifices his men or betrays the

people. He is not whitewashed, or taken from the front and given an appointment in the rear—kicked upstairs instead of down. He is given his sentence and compelled to serve it.

No brutal or surly officer can chain a private soldier to an artillery wagon like a dog. No drunken officer can hurl insults at him. Hanging over the heads of all, like the suspended sword of Damocles, is French equality, which insists on results, not excuses. It falls on brutality and inefficiency. Consequently, French officers are invariably gentlemen and treat their men as such.

Every country has its slackers, its pacifists, its millionaires, its religious fanatics, who do not scruple to use their isms, wealth and special privilege to undermine the fabric of a government which compels them to bear their share of duty. Consequently, civilian leaders must be strong, determined, resolute men, who swerve not from the good ahead, who will neither tolerate special pleadings nor permit incapacity. They know that, prevented by continually changing officers, graft conditions cannot become established, also, that all around experience begets perfection.

If this war has demonstrated any one thing, it is that those "born to rule" have not the capacity to do so. Filling places of public trust, through accident of wealth, or birth, or political expediency, at the outbreak of hostilities—that cunning, calculating fraud on democracy, the political machine—appointed or elected to serve the people, scheming for partizan advantage, really blocked national effort and actually, through inaction and obstruction, aided the enemy.

Incapable of mastering a new set of circumstances, persisting in playing the new game according to the old rules, those appointed failed. Others took up the burden. From the ranks of men rose the leaders of thought and action, stepping, climbing, pushing over the incompetents of title, money and birth, who, unable to save themselves, now accept salvation from those whom they have hated, despised, oppressed.

Advancing in spite of obstacles—the more opposition, the better, the man worthy to lead, clarified by adversity, true to form, takes the public into his confidence, talking, not glitter-

ing generalities, but in concrete truths, Lloyd George of England, Hughes of Australia, Briand, Clemenceau and Viviani of France, Kerensky of Russia, Veneviolis of Greece, Sam Hughes of Canada, Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson of America, strong, upright and brave men, who scorn the bended knee and itching palm, are hated by the professional politician and the piratical profiteer.

Every man, who has courage to stand for the right and denounce the wrong, becomes a mark for bricks thrown at his devoted head—by shirkers who won't protect their own—by rascals who have been looting the public—and by traitors who would betray their country. These leaders have terrific opposition in their fight against systematized, anti-national organizations. It is the duty of every citizen, in times of national danger, to support the Government, regardless of party.

Politics should now be adjourned in fact and in earnest. Remember Abraham Lincoln's, "This is a very critical period in the life of the nation. It is no time to consider mere party issues."

CHAPTER XX

AUTOCRACY

German Government is founded on the principle that the State is superior to the individual. Being superior, it is not subject to that code of honor, that respect for decency, which binds men of different races, religions and countries and distinguishes man from the brute.

The Reichstag of Germany is supposed to be the popular assembly. In reality, it is the bulwark of wealth. Under this system, man belongs to property, not property to man. Voters, who have paid one-third of the total income tax, elect one-third of the electors, who choose one-third of the Reichstag. Voters who pay the next third do likewise, and the same system applies to the last third. In 1908, 293,000 voters chose the first third; 1,065,240 selected the second, and 6,324,079 elected the last third. Thus, 4 per cent of the voters elected the first third, 14 per cent the second, and the last third, 82 per cent—all the poor people were thrown

together and controlled by the other two-thirds, or 18 per cent.

In free countries, the State exists for the benefit of the individual. In Germany, the individual lives exclusively for the State. He has no right to free speech, free thought, the pursuit of happiness, nor even to existence itself, unless the Kaiser sees it to his advantage to grant, or permit, those luxuries.

In case a popular measure slipped through the Reichstag, it would have to be voted upon by the Bundesrath—a secret upper house appointed by the princes—not the people, of each separate State of the German Empire. Each State votes as a unit. No amendment can pass the Bundesrath if fourteen out of the sixty-one votes are cast against it. The Kaiser, representing Prussia, holds seventeen votes, and three for Alsace-Lorraine. So, the individual German voter's work is carefully nullified by this system, over which he has no control. He is outvoted by wealth in the Reichstag. The Reichstag is outvoted by the aristocracy of the Bundesrath. This, in turn, is outvoted by the Autocracy of the Kaiser.

Autocracy, aristocracy and wealth compose the Board of Strategy and officer the army. The army is superior to the Reichstag. It is outside of and above the law, within the country but not responsible to it. It is not an army of the people, it is the Kaiser's army.

So the Bundesrath, the Reichstag, the Board of Strategy, the controlled newspapers and political professors, extending up from the throneroom to the kindergarten, are meshes in the net that entangles man whose rights they have usurped. Through that system, the child is caught in infancy, given Kultur with mother's milk, then taught to spy upon family and neighbors; he listens to political professors at school, political parsons at church. The more he informs the further he advances, till he reaches the army, where docility and obedience and respect for authority are instilled into him till he can have neither original ideas nor independent thought.

Consider the German soldier's ideal as described in the Portland Oregonian:

“In their effort to Germanize Finland the Germans publish a newspaper in that country which commends to the Finns the ‘German Soldiers’ Ideal.’

‘Between the soldier and his superior officer,’ this article reads, ‘there yawns a tremendous gulf. The latter is always right, the former never. The duty of a soldier is to obey blindly, without reflection. He himself can have no will or wish of his own.’ He ‘must not speak, he must not even think.’ Then comes this deification of the officer:

‘The recruit is not a man; he is merely destined to become a man under the command of his superior officer. * * * He must first lie mother naked in the dust and feel about his head the whistle of his officer’s knout; only after weeks and months does his superior officer, by his grace and help, raise him up out of the dust, wash him, clothe him and make of him a man and a soldier.

* * * The image of the superior officer must bear not the slightest flaw; it is perfection; if the soldier imagines that he perceives a fault in

him, this is merely a proof of the incompetence and incapacity of his own faculties. * * * The officer is the soldier's Lord God. * * * The soldier's God is never satisfied, he never returns thanks even for the best of work, but his punishment for transgression and disobedience is cruel. For in the hands of the superior officer are the keys of hell upon earth.'

There follows a description of the soldier's hell, 'filled with wailing and gnashing of teeth, full of evilsmelling filth,' from which the superior officer can help him up again 'only when he has plunged about in it sufficiently.' Then it will have 'purged the wretched fellow of his sins, rooted out the passionate, mutinous spirit of his own will' and 'transformed him into wax soft and pure, which the superior officer can knead to his heart's delight until he produces that masterpiece, a proper, thorough and obedient soldier.' "

He is told he is under no obligation to observe elementary decency, that there is no honor among men or nations. He is taught to hate, not to love, to depend on might, not right, and

to work for war instead of peace. The French, the British, the Americans are only human, but the good Kaiser is divine, and the German is a super-man, chosen by God to rule the world. The "good Kaiser" was chosen by God to dominate the German race, who are to conquer the world, and the German super-man, under the Kaiser, is to obtain that domination through war.

A woman who has compassion in her soul for the unfortunate has no right to live. Pity is not German. Miss Cavell had pity in her heart, even for German wounded, for homeless Belgians. So she was executed.

The wounded in hospital ships were torpedoed without warning, murdered by unseen hands reaching out from the darkness, and the perpetrators were promoted for gallantry.

After robbing and burning the towns of northern France and Belgium they turned around and demanded an indemnity, having picked the victim's pocket, they asked for his money. They robbed the priceless libraries to preserve the books. They drove the van-

quished victims into slavery to protect them from laziness, and raped woman to save her virginity. The French, English or American who rapes a woman, desecrates a church, or murders innocent women and children, knows he commits a crime—the German lacks such consciousness.

So, unchecked, uncontrolled, responsible to no one, they are wild beasts at large. Backed by an army of 11,000,000 men, they tried to overwhelm peace-loving Europe. They overran Luxemburg. They turned the garden of France into a desert. They could see in Belgium only the nearest road to France. Subject to no restraint, responsible to no one, their passion for power, for money, for lust, recognized no authority, contract, nor law.

Their ungovernable tempers become inflamed at the slightest opposition and they do not scruple to commit the most odious crimes upon the unfortunate people in their power. Repression, terrorism, theft, rape and murder are elevated into virtues and rewarded with honors. By brute force they override decency, freedom, arbitration and liberty. Murderers

at bay, they fight to keep from being executed.

And, as the German people were compelled to work for them in time of peace, now they must die for them.

Such is the German Government.

At The Hague Convention, 1907, the following were agreed to and signed by Germany.

ARTICLE 24. "It is forbidden to kill or wound an enemy who has dropped his arms or has no means of defense, and who surrenders at discretion."

ARTICLE 46. "The honor and the rights of the people, the lives of the family, the private property must be respected."

"August 23, 1914, at Gomery, Belgium, a German patrol entered the ambulance, fired upon the wounded, killed the doctor and shot the stretcher bearers." Part of a deposition of Dr. Simon, in Red Cross Service, 10th Region.

"The night of the 22nd (August, 1914), I found in the woods at 150 yards to the north of the crossroads, formed by the meeting of

the large trench of Colonne with the road of Vaux de Palaneix to St. Remy, the bodies of French prisoners shot by the Germans. I saw thirty soldiers who had been gathered together in a little space, for the most part lying down, a few on their knees, and all mutilated the same way by being shot in the eye." Affidavit of a captain of the 288th Infantry.

"We saw there an execution squad. Before it lay, on the slope of the side of the road, fifty bodies of French prisoners who had just been shot. We approached and saw one hapless Red Cross man who had not been spared. A non-commissioned officer was finishing off with revolver shots any who still moved. He gave us, in German, the order to point out to him those of our men who still breathed." Report of Dr. Chou, who was captured and repatriated. He related the above to a Danish physician, Dr. De Christmas.

"I saw a British prisoner killed by a sentry at point blank range, because he did not stop at the command. Another British soldier was shot by a sentry with whom he had a discussion. The shot broke his jaw; he died next

day." Report of Sergt. Major Le Bihran, narrating conditions at Gottingen.

The French Government has the note book of a German soldier, Albert Delfosse of the 111th Infantry of the 14th Reserve Corps. "In the forest near St. Remy, on the 4th or 5th of September, I encountered a very fine cow and calf, dead, and again, the bodies of French men, fearfully mutilated."

Order of the Day, issued by General Stenger near Thiaville, Meurthe and Moselle, August 26, 1914:

"After today we will not make any prisoners; all the prisoners are to be killed; the wounded, with arms or without arms, to be killed; the prisoners already gathered in crowds are to be killed; behind us there must not remain any living enemy."

Signed,

The Lieutenant commanding the Company,
STOV.

The Colonel commanding the Regiment,
NEUBAUER.

The General commanding the Brigade,
STENGER.

General Stenger was in charge of the 58th Brigade, composed of the 112th and 142nd Bavarian Infantry. Thirty soldiers of these regiments, now prisoners, have made affidavits to this, signed with their own names, which are in the possession of the French Government.

The attack of September 25, 1915, brought the French within two kilometers of Somme-py. Lying in the trenches under the furious bombardment, we considered the diary which was found on the German soldier, Hassemer, of the 8th Army Corps, when they captured the town in 1914: "Horrible carnage; the villages totally burned; the French thrown into the burning houses; the civilians burned with all the others."

I have many times been at St. Maurice, Meurthe and Moselle, where I saw and pondered over, fire-blackened houses and somber-faced, solitary women. The tall chimney of a demolished manufacturing plant stands guard over desolation. From the diary of a Bavarian soldier of the German army, evidence written by the perpetrators, the following is quoted: "The village of St. Maurice was encircled, the

soldiers advanced at one yard apart, through which line nobody could get. Afterward the Uhlans started the fire, house by house. Neither man, nor woman, nor child could get away. They were permitted to take out the cattle because that was a drawing out method. Those that risked to run away were killed by rifle shot. All those that were found in the village were burned with it."

In the first lot of exchanged English prisoners returned from Germany was a Gloucester man shot in his jaws, his teeth blackened and broken. Pointing to where his chin had been, he told me: "That is what they did to me—what they did after I was taken prisoner and was wounded in four places and unable to move. A Boche came along, put his rifle to my face and pulled the trigger. But that wasn't anything to what they did to my comrade. He was lying in his blanket seriously wounded, and a Boche ran a bayonet into him sixteen times before he died."

In the clearing house hospital at Lyons I saw two old comrades meet, one wounded, from the front, the other from a German prison

camp. "Yes," said the latter, with a peculiar, vacant expression in his eye. "Yes, I was crucified. I was hung from a beam in the middle of the camp for two hours, hands tied together over my head, in the form of a cross, body hanging down till my feet were eighteen inches above the ground."

"Is that true?" I demanded.

"True, look at these arms. Ask those comrades over there. I swear it, I will write it down for you."

He wrote the above statement and signed his name, Gandit, Pierre, 19th Infantry.

August 28, 1914. "The French soldiers who were captured were led away. Those seriously wounded, in the head or lungs, etc., who could not get up, were put out of their misery, according to orders, by another shot." An extract from the diary of a German soldier, Fahlenstein, 34th Fusiliers II Army. The original is in the hands of the French Government.

At Ethe, finding twenty wounded men stretched out in a shed, unable to move, they burned the shed and roasted them alive.

At Gomery a temporary, first aid hospital was captured. A Boche sergeant and a group of soldiers rushed in, assaulted the doctor in charge and burned the building. The wounded men, some of whom had had amputations that same morning, maddened by the flames, jumped out of the windows into the garden, where they were bayoneted by the waiting fiends. Dr. De Charette, Lieutenant Jeanin and about one hundred and twenty wounded French officers and men were butchered. This hospital was under command of Dr. Sedillat.

“The Russians were treated like beasts, but among those emaciated, ragged creatures, the most miserable of all, the most cruelly used of all are the British. They were always the last and the worst served. If ill, they were always the least cared for. When they had no more clothing to sell to buy food, they came to the hospital utterly exhausted, stark naked, and died of hunger. It was a sight to pierce the heart.” Report of Dr. Monsaingeon, of the French Medical Service, on conditions at Gustrout in 1914 and 1915. Confirmation furnished the French Foreign Officers and printed in “Treatment of French Prisoners in Germany.”

The following letter, written by Officer Klent, 1st Company, 154th German Infantry Regiment, was published in the "Jauersches Tageblatt," Harmonville, September 24, 1914: "We reached a little hollow in the ground, where many red breeches, killed and wounded, were lying. We bayoneted some of the wounded and smashed in the skulls of others. Nearby I heard a singular crushing sound. It was caused by the blows one of our 154th men was raining on the bald skull of a Frenchman. Our adversaries had fought bravely, but, whether slightly or severely wounded, our brave Fusiliers spared our country the expense of having to nurse so many enemies."

CHAPTER XXI

THEIR CRIMES

We must make it absolutely impossible for the wild beast to break out again. Our living should know the crimes committed in the name of Kultur, so they can establish needed precautions against their recurrence. To our martyred dead, we have a sacred duty, that of Remembrance.

A little book was published at Nancy under the patronage of the Prefect of Meurthe, G. Simon, Mayor of Nancy, and G. Keller of Luneville, aided by the Mayors of the following towns, located at or near the battle front: Belfort, Epinal, Nancy, Bar-le-Duc, Chalons, Chateau-Thierry, Nellen, Beauvais, Baccarat, Luneville, Gerberviller, Nomeny, Pont-a-Mousson, Verdun, Clermont, Semaise, Rheims, Senlis, Albert.

It is a record of robbery, rape, repression and murder that will taint the German blood for generations, from Prince Eitel Fritz, the son of the Kaiser, who looted the Chateau Brierry



FRENCH FURLOUGH (Back)

lieved worth more there than at the front. "Private Jack" says he will not resume business till the war is over. He can probably do more good in America than under German fire—his writings and speeches must replace the rifle and grenades. With Jeanne d'Arc, he declares, "You can enchain me, but you cannot enchain the fortunes of France."

Avocourt, down to the under officers, who searched private residences, which, open to the captors, it was forbidden to lock. It is a record of shame and dishonor, of brutal force, without a saving element of mercy. They struck their helpless victims singly, in groups, in hecatombs.

Individually, they followed the systematic teaching of organized butchery. The world knows about the murder of Miss Cavell, the Red Cross nurse; of Eugene Jacquet, the Freemason; of Captain Fryatt, the civilian sea-captain. This little book records the death of many others, innocent martyrs to the same glorious cause.

At Foret, the public school teacher refused to tread the French flag underfoot and was shot.

At Schaffen, A. Willem was burned alive, two others were interred alive. Madame Luykx and daughter, twelve years of age, refuging together in a cave, were shot. J. Reynolds and his nephew of ten years were shot, out in the street.

At Sompuis, an old man, Jacquimin, 70 years of age, was tied to his bed by an officer and left there three days. He died shortly after his deliverance.

At Monceau-Sur-Sambre, they shut up the two brothers S. in a shed and burned them alive.

At Nomeny, M. Adam was thrown alive into the fire, then shot at with rifles and Mme. Cousine, after being shot, was thrown into the fire and roasted.

At Maixe, M. Demange, wounded in both knees, fell helpless in his house, and they set fire to it.

At Triaucourt, Mme. Maupoix, 75 years old, was kicked to death because not enough loot was found in her closet.

At Conis, Madame Dalissier, 73 years, who declared she had no money, was shot through the body fifteen times.

At Rouyes, a farmer refused to tell where he got some French military clothes. An officer shot him twice.

At Crezancy, M. Le Saint, 18 years of age, was killed by an officer because some day he would be a soldier.

At Embermeuil, Mme. Masson was shot because her servant, an idiot, gave a wrong direction. The madame, pregnant, was made to sit on a chair while they executed her.

At Ethe, one hundred and ninety-seven were executed, among them two priests, who were shot because they were accused of hiding arms.

At Marqueglise, a superior officer stopped four young boys, and, saying that the Belgians were dirty people, he shot each one in succession. One was killed outright.

At Pin, the Uhlans met two young boys, whom they tied to their horses, then urged them to a gallop. Some kilometers away, the bodies were found, the skin worn away from the knees, one with throat cut, both with many bullet holes through the head.

At Sermaize, the farmer Brocard and his son were arrested. His wife and daughter-in-law

were thrown into a near-by river. Four hours later, the men were set at liberty and found the two bodies of the women in the water, with several bullet holes in their heads.

At Aerschot, the priest had hung a cross in front of the church. He was tied, hands and feet, the inhabitants ordered to march past and urinate on him. They then shot him and threw the body into the canal. A group of seventy-eight men, tied three together, were taken into the country, assaulted en route, and shot at and killed the following morning.

At Monchy-Humieres, an officer heard the word "Prussians" spoken. He ordered three dragoons to fire into the group, one was killed, two wounded, one of them was a little girl of four years.

At Hermeuil, while looting the town, the inhabitants were confined in a church. Mme. Winger and her three servants, arriving late, the captain, monocle in his eye, ordered the soldiers to fire. The four were killed.

At Sommeiles, while the town was being burned, the Dame X. with her four children,

sought refuge in a cave with her neighbor, Adnot, and his wife. Some days later, the French troops, recapturing the town, found the seven bodies, horribly mutilated, lying in a sea of blood. The Dame had her right arm severed from the body, a young girl, eleven years of age, had one foot cut off, the little boy, five years old, had his throat cut.

At Louveigne, a number of civilians took refuge in a blacksmith shop. In the afternoon the Germans opened the door, chased out the victims, and as they ran out shot them down like so many rabbits. Seventeen bodies were left lying on the plain.

At Senlis, the mayor of the town and six of the city council were shot to death.

At Coulommiers, a husband and two children testified to the rape of the mother of the family.

At Melen-Labouche, Marguerite Weras was outraged by twenty German soldiers before she was shot, in sight of her father and mother.

At Louppy le Chateau, it is the grandmother who is violated, and, in the same town, a mother

and two daughters, thirteen and eight years old, were also victims of German savagery.

At Nimy, little Irma G., in six hours, was done to death. Her father, going to her aid, was shot, her mother, seriously wounded.

At Handzaerne, the mayor, going to the aid of his daughter, was shot.

At St. Mary's Pass, two sergeants of the 31st Alpines were found with their throats cut. Their bayonets were thrust into their mouths.

At Remereville, Lieutenant Toussant, lying wounded on the battlefield, was jabbed with bayonets by all the Germans who passed him. The body was punctured with wounds from the feet to the head.

At Audrigny, a German lieutenant met a Red Cross ambulance, carrying ten wounded men. He deployed his men and fired two rounds into the vehicle.

At Bonville, in a barn, a German officer shot in the eye nine wounded French soldiers, who, lying stretched out, were unable to move.

At Montigny le Titcul, the Germans discovered M. Vidal dressing the wounds of a French soldier, L. Sohier, who was shot in the head. M. Vidal was shot at sight, then the wounded man was killed.

At Nary, they compelled twenty-five women to march parallel with them as a shield against the French fire.

At Malinas, six German soldiers, who had captured five young girls, placed the girls in a circle about them when attacked.

At Hongaerdi, they killed the priest.

At Erpe, the Germans forced thirty civilians, one only thirteen years old, to march ahead, while, hidden among the crowd, were German soldiers and a machine gun.

At Ouen-Sur-Morin, on Sept. 7, 1914, the Death's Head Huzzars, the Crown Prince's favorite regiment, drove all the civilians into the Chateau, then, sheltered by those innocents, they told the English, "Shoot away."

At Parchim, where 2,000 civilians, French prisoners, were interned, two prisoners, hungry, demanding food, were clubbed to death with the butt end of rifles, while the young daughter of one of them was immediately given eight days "mis au poteau."

At Gerberviller, at the home of Lingenheld, they searched for his son, a stretcher bearer of the Red Cross, tied his hands, led him into the street and shot him down. Then they poured oil on the body and roasted it. Then the father, of 70 years, was executed, along with fourteen other old men. More than fifty were martyred in this commune alone.

Sister Julia, Superior of the Hospital Gerberviller, reports: "To break into the tabernacle of the Church of Gerberviller, the enemy fired many shots around the lock, the interior of the ciborium was also perforated."

Statement of Mlle. —, tried and acquitted for the murder of her infant, in Paris.

"At Gerberviller, I worked in the hospital. Going to the church one night, three German hospital stewards caught and assaulted me. I

did not understand their language. I thought they were men. I did not know they were brutes."

"Yes, I killed the child; I could not bear to feel myself responsible for bringing anything into the world made by the workings of a German."

In Belgium alone, more than 20,000 homes have been pillaged and burned. More than 5,000 civilians, mostly old men, women and children, with fifty priests and one hundred and eighty-seven doctors, have been murdered.

At Timines, 400 civilians were murdered.

At Dinant, more than 600 were martyred, among them seventy-one women, 34 old men, more than 70 years of age, six children of from five to six years of age, eleven children less than five years. The victims were placed in two ranks, the first kneeling, the second standing, then shot.

The foregoing statements, vouched for by the most responsible representative men in and near the invaded district, show some of the cases continually being brought to public attention.

This evidence is accumulative, convincing, damning proof, it is furnished by the bodies of the victims, by neighbor eye witnesses, by devastated homes, and by mutilated wrecks, who survived—some being recaptured by French troops, others, repatriated as useless, sent back to France via Switzerland.

FROM A GERMAN DIARY

“The natives fled from the village. It was horrible. There was clotted blood on the beards, and the faces we saw were terrible to behold. The dead—about sixty—were at once buried; among them were many old women, some old men and a half-delivered woman, awful to see. Three children had clasped each other and died thus. The altar and vault of the church were shattered. They had a telephone there to communicate with the enemy. This morning, Sept. 2, all the survivors were expelled, and I saw four little boys carrying a cradle with a baby five or six months old in it, on two sticks—all this was terrible to behold. Shot after shot, salvo after salvo—chickens, etc. all killed. I saw a mother with her two children, one had a great wound in the head and had lost an eye.”

These, and other crimes, are corroborated in the four reports of the French Inquiry, in "Violations of International Law," published by order of the French Foreign Minister, by the twenty-two reports of the Belgian Commission, the reports of a German book published May 15, 1915, diaries and note books found on bodies of dead German soldiers, wounded men and prisoners. They are books of horror, but, books of truth, glaring evidence of murdered men, misused women, ruined homes. Much of them was actually furnished by perpetrators of the deeds. Comments are unnecessary, words inadequate, cold print fails.

L'ENVOI

Into Europe's seething cauldron of blood and tears, American youth have been cast.

Patriotism and justice resolutely demand that the Devil incarnate, who stirs his awful mess of ghoullhash, shall perish.

Our national peril, the whole earth's dire need, assembling the Country's selected young manhood, now make this a United States in fact—probably, for the first time since Washington and Valley Forge.

I have tried to make you see war as I know it, war with no footballs, portable bath tubs, victrolas nor Red Triangle Huts. Such blessings are God-sends—more power to His messengers!

I met a company of the 18th U. S. Engineers swinging along the tree-fringed macadamized highway toward the front. Clean-cut, well dressed, smooth-shaven, happy and gay, it was

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a joy to see them. It made a man proud to belong to the same race. They yelled a greeting in broken French to the dirty Poilu, who responded in the latest American slang. They marched away singing into the darkness, the words resounding loud or low, as different sections took up the tune:

“Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the
Lord:

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of
wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible
swift sword,

His truth is marching on.”

Yes, Julia Ward Howe's hymn is quite right. It sounds the keynote of America's part in this world's greatest tragedy of all history.

They returned a month later, boys no longer, but men who had been through the fire and stood up to the grief. Tired, weary, chins pressed forward, hands on the straps to permit free heart action, dust swirled about the moving feet, climbed, settled on the stubbly, unshaven faces, streaked with perspiration, rose and formed an aura about the knapsacks which bobbed up and down like buoys on the sea.

From behind the dust-topped bristles flashed the steely eyes of the Soldier. Such eyes! Not the calm, contemplative eyes of the sissy, but strong, fierce, exultant eyes of the man who has fought, and won.

One month changed him. The longer he is in the Army the greater the growth. He has realized that union is strength, that soldiers by acting together gain the objective, bring the victory. He is learning that, as Nicholas Murray Butler puts it, "The international mind is nothing else than the habit of thinking of foreign relations and business, and that habit of dealing with them, which regard the several nations of the civilized world as friendly and co-operating equals in aiding the progress of civilization, in developing commerce and industry, and in spreading enlightenment and culture throughout the world."

He wondered at the confidence of the French Poilu, and discovered that behind that soldier is every man, woman and child, every ounce of energy, every cent of money in France. His mind returned to his native land across the sea. True the Government is behind him—but all the people are not back of the Govern-

ment. The International Socialist is still bent on destruction, and working for Germany, the pro-German is hiding his galvanized Americanism behind Red Cross and Liberty Loan buttons, the chatauquaized pacifist, bemoaning this "terrible bloodshed," wanted to dig himself into a hole, there, to escape the U. S. draft. The foreign-language minister—exempted from military service, the only privileged class in America—is still talking denominationalism instead of patriotism. The Big Business banker, a deacon in church, prays with the Methodist sisters, works hand in glove with monopolists who have preyed upon the people, then offers 5 in competition with Government $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. He wants to make a profit for himself, rather than have the Government use the money to feed and clothe the soldiers on the front. The prohibitionists, not satisfied with war-time prohibition, with the control of liquor through the Food Administration, further embarrass the Government by agitating minor issues when every ounce of energy is needed to win the war.* They know the soldier will come back a broader

*Mr. Bowe and his collaborator failed to agree, only on this point. For it, I must disclaim any responsibility, believing that while the world is in its present fluidity it can best be, and should be, re-formed.—MacG.

and wiser man, and they want to slip this legislation over in his absence. Then there is the political lawyer who thrives on trouble, gets fat on disaster, whose capital is wind, surplus hot air, whose services are on sale for cash. Usually a trimmer who crawled on his stomach for favors, he pledged himself in advance for votes. Backed by special interests, these decoys play upon the passions and prejudices of men, they array class against class, religion against religion, section against section. Elected by the people, they betray them. The people in turn organize for protection, then the hypocrites wrap the robes of loyalty about themselves, rush to the head of the procession, climb the band wagon, seize the bass drum, and cry out: "All those who don't follow are drunken, dishonest or disloyal."

Beclouding the main issue—America's danger—scheming for power while soldiers die, too busy serving themselves, they have not time to serve the nation, they do not see that their day is past and that they must give way to the men who will win the war—the soldier, the laborer, the producer.

The living soldier is part of the Government, he sees through and past the self-seeking tool or profiteer. He is not fooled by the political machine. He is no longer Republican, Socialist or Prohibitionist—he is American. He is no longer Baptist, Methodist or Mormon—his religion is confined to Right and Wrong.

While watching a film of trench-fighting, in “The German Curse in Russia,” a week ago, it startled me to hear an electric orchestra play the Hallelujah Chorus:

“Hallelujah! For the Lord God
Omnipotent Reigneth.

The kingdom of this world has become
the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ;
and He shall reign forever and ever and ever,

King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Hallelujah!”

But, that stirring shout of Joy is Truth. On the front, we soldiers discover a something inside that is larger, greater, stronger than our fear—a Belief that there *is* something more lasting than human life. We learn that we are

Souls with bodies, instead of mere mortals of passion and appetite. We begin to realize that the Day's Work is building tomorrow's More Stately Mansion.

Young men in our Expeditionary Force and Training Camps learn the value of physical fitness and clean morals as they were not taught at home. They will help us "read aright that most significant world-reconstruction message, trench etched with the outraged blood of her choicest on agonized Europe's face, indelibly engraved with the sacrificial lives of innumerable sons of man—'Ye must be born again!'"*

Those not listed as travelers on that longer journey, returning, will remind us that the Father of his Country, in a farewell to Congress, admonished, "Let us, with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle!"

* "Everybody's Business," Charles L. MacGregor, published in 1916 by The Roycrofters, East Aurora, N. Y.

They will tell us their personal experience of that great, practical demonstration, in which devoted women and men of all beliefs and creeds now help hasten the desire of Him who knelt, 1900 years ago, and prayed, "that they all may be one; as thou, Father, in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."*

Remembering all who went further, it shall be for us to "resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."†

Dead?

Who are the dead?

Surely not the unselfish spirits who sacrificed their bodies on the altar of Freedom.

Their deeds and glory are immortal.

Are they, themselves, anything less?

"They have passed into eternity," we are accustomed to say.

Eternity?

Do you limit eternity?

Can you locate eternity's beginning, eternity's end?

*John 17:21. †Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Then shall we presume to think those noble spirits who went forward to keep our own temporary abiding place safe for us a while longer, dead?

“No man,” said Canon Farrar, “can pass into eternity for he is already in it. The dead are no more in eternity now than they always were, or than every one of us is at this moment. We may ignore the things eternal; shut our eyes hard to them; live as though they had no existence—nevertheless, eternity is around us here, now at this moment, at all moments; and it will have been around us every day of our ignorant, sinful, selfish lives. Its stars are ever over our heads, while we are so diligent in the dust of our worldliness, or in the tainted stream of our desires. The dull brute globe moves through its ether and knows it not; even so our souls are bathed in eternity and are never conscious of it.”

Water rises to its source—that is common knowledge. But, if we actually cannot see the thing, we often rely on established mental habit, prescribed for us, long since, by others.

The soldier, facing the truly big things of life, who learns to discard, in emergency, the book of rules, cannot believe his comrade, whose lifeless, torn body he left on the field, but whose spirit still inspires him, dead. In the strong days of his youth, he remembers, now, his Creator. He knows his absent comrade's spirit lives—as does his own, responding to that urge to victory! and he knows that they shall both return unto God who gave them.

It is for us, still humanly on the job, to so manage that, when such brave spirits come back, either to resume their interrupted tasks or to take on greater, we shall have faithfully done our Might to make this old world a better place in which to live and work.

Science, from her laboratory, reports that nothing is ever lost.

Real religion and science agree.

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Monk's Omens in 1600 Fit Dire Events of Present World's War

It Will Be Necessary to Kill More
Men Than Rome Had, Said
Brother John.

"ARMIES TO COME FROM
ALL PARTS OF GLOBE."

But "Anti-Christ Will Lose His
Crown and Armies and
Die in Solitude."

BY CHARLES L. MACGREGOR.

Have you read that remarkable prophecy of Brother John? Brother John, a monk, lived in 1600—300 years ago. His forecast points to the events of the present war with amazing closeness.

It is said there is no doubt that this is a genuine ancient document. It was published shortly after the war's outbreak, by M. Pelandan, a French literary man of high reputation, who gave

its history since the Sixteenth century. Here are some of its most striking passages:

"The real anti-Christ will be one of the monarchs of his time, a Lutheran Protestant. He will invoke God and give himself out as His messenger (or apostle).

"This prince of lies will swear by the Bible. He will represent himself as the arm of the Most High, sent to chastise corrupt peoples.

"He will have only one arm, but his innumerable armies, who will take for their device the words 'God with us,' will resemble the infernal legions.

"For a long time he will act by craft and strategy, his spies will overrun the earth, and he will be the master of the secrets of the mighty.

"He will have learned men in his pay who will maintain, and undertake to prove, his celestial mission.

"A war will furnish him with the opportunity of throwing off the mask. It will not be the first instance of a war which he will wage against a French monarch. But it will be one of such nature that after two weeks all will realize its universal character.

"Not only will all Christians and all Mussulmans, but even other more distant peoples will be involved. Armies will be enrolled from the four quarters of the globe.

"For, by the third week the angel will have opened the minds of men, who will perceive that the man is anti-Christ, and that they will all become his slaves if they do not overthrow this conqueror.

"Will Murder Helpless."

"Anti-Christ will be recognized by various tokens, in especial he will massacre the priests, the monks, the women, the children and the aged. He will show

no mercy, but will pass, torch in hand, like the barbarians, but invoking Christ.

“His words of imposture will resemble those of Christians, but his actions will be those of Nero and of the Roman persecutors.

“He will have an eagle in his arms and there will be an eagle also in the arms of his confederate, another bad monarch.

“In order to conquer anti-Christ, it will be necessary to kill more men than Rome has ever contained. It will need the energies of all the kingdoms, because the cock, the leopard, and the white eagle will not be able to make an end of the black eagle without the aid of the prayers and vows of all the human race.

“Never will humanity have been faced with such a peril, because the triumph of anti-Christ would be that of the demon, who will have taken possession of his personality.

“The black eagle, who will come from the land of Luther, will make a surprise attack on the cock from another side, and will invade the land of the cock up to one-half.

“The white eagle who will come from the North will fall upon the black and the other eagle and completely invade the land of the anti-Christ.

“The black eagle will find itself forced to let go the cock in order to fight the white eagle, whereupon the cock will have to pursue the black eagle into the land of the anti-Christ to aid the white eagle.

“The battles fought up to that time will be as nothing compared with those which will take place on the Lutheran country; for the seven angels will simultaneously pour out the fire of their censors upon the impious land. In other words, the lamb ordains the extermination of the race of anti-Christ.

Hunger and Pestilence.

“Men will be able to cross the rivers over the bodies of the dead, which in places will change the courses of the streams. Only the bodies of the most noble, the highest captains and the princes, will be buried; for to the carnage of the battlefields will be added the destruction of myriads who will die from hunger and pestilence.

“It will be made manifest that the combat, to be fought out in that part of the country in which anti-Christ forges his arms, is no human conflict. The three animals, defenders of the lamb, will exterminate the last army of anti-Christ. But it will be necessary to make the fields of battle a funeral pyre as great as the greatest of cities, for the corpses will have altered the features of the land by forming ranges of little hills.

“Anti-Christ will lose his crown and die in solitude and madness. His empire will be divided into 22 states, but none will have any longer either fortifications or army or ships of war.

“The white eagle, by order of Michael, will drive the crescent out of Europe, where there will be no longer any but Christians. He will install himself at Constantinople.

“Then will commence an era of peace and prosperity for the universe and there will be no longer any war. Each nation will be governed according to its own heart, and will live in accordance with justice.

“The lamb will reign and the happiness of humanity will begin.

“Happy will be those who, escaping the perils of this marvelous time, will be able to taste of its fruit. This will be the reign of the Spirit and the sanctification of humanity, which could not come to pass until after the defeat of anti-Christ.”

Get Out Greatest Book.

Brother John says: "He will only have one arm."

Madam Thebes, the celebrated palmist of Paris, says: "I have seen the hand of William II, his left hand is that of a fatalist, withered and smaller than the other, on an arm shorter than his right. This weakness William sought to conceal all his life."

Suppose we get out the Old Book, the Bible, the Greatest book in the world, the world's "Best Seller"—with presses working day and night, unable to supply the present demand for it—and find what it contains for us. There is something there, depend upon it, of great interest and of vital importance, that we should be noticing carefully.

You remember that dear old lady, who, when the minister called, went and got out her Bible, in the most natural and off-hand way possible. She allowed it to open where it would as she handed it to her pastor, and her spectacles fell out, causing her to exclaim in her surprise, "Why if there ain't my specs I lost pretty nigh a year ago!"

Let's find our specs, then use 'em!

Don't read simply,—Think. Keep the Dome fires burning!

Did America's war vaccination "take"?

Are we at the end of War?

Which end?

Or, may we not be but in the midst of World Travail?

What of the Classes, inflamed and in flames?

Does not Sammy come marching home too soon? Our British Brother may have too much on hands,—and not enough of his own coal! to take two-thirds of an American Expeditionary Force across a second time.

Did not our United States almost at Thanksgiving Eve, with the anniversary of the Christ-child's birth just around the corner, quit prayers and vows somewhat hurriedly? When you read published instructions to discontinue the noon-time 60 seconds' quiet meditation, did you hear, out of Gethsemane, in anguish-wearied voice, "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?"*

Business? Yes, and work like the Devil!

But, make more than just a conversational fad of Reconstruction, too; and, while America labors—and gives—and Watches, let not feverish haste which discards morning newspapers, with their lists of casualties, on the way to the office make us forget that lingering sad-

*Matthew 26:40.

ness of the stricken-hearted Mother, full of sorrow,—only a few, here and there, yes. But, in her loneliness, She is paying for what we celebrate.

Pray a bit more, even if unofficially, while waiting for press dispatches of

PEACE

At last.

The tired mother closes wide-strained eyes.

The tears have come, the tears so long delayed.
Her boy, her loved one, who in Flanders lies—

Her sacrifice! Ah, not in vain 'twas made!

She weeps.

At last she weeps, and, softly weeping, prays

That God, who understands, will so forgive
The hardness of her heart these many days
Because he died while those less worthy live.

She knows

That fitly to accomplish this great end—

To free the world through sacrifice and pain—
The noblest hearts, the bravest souls, must lend
All that they have, the final good to gain.

She smiles.

He is not dead, not dead, her splendid boy ;

Forever he lives on! And to her heart
There comes at last a thrill of purest joy,
That he and she together did their part.

—Nora K. Hills.

SOME COMMENT

Galley Slaves in our fourfold Trireme—Yes, make it *“Try-Ream,”* if you prefer, and absolutely insist! Anyhow, our Galley Slaves hardly regard a new manuscript, though it be for a book—even a War book—as a novelty in their very busy lives. Much less do they ship their oars to peruse and discuss one.

But that is exactly what happened when the first form of *“Soldiers of the Legion,”* Second printing—first edition having lasted not quite one month!—reached the lock-up room; and we were in a hurry for it, too, down on the presses.

An hour and a half after the final, corrected proofs reached the stone, one of our hardened old-timers was discovered, attentively bent over the sheets. Asked if the “rush” form had gone downstairs, he replied, “No. I’m going to lock it up as soon as I get done reading it.” Then he called another of our men and read to him a while!

A few days before, one of the boys came and asked if he might have some copies of *“Soldiers of the Legion”* to

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sell. He told us he had been setting type, nights, on this *After-the-War* book, which he believed people would *sit up nights to read*, that he is an experienced magazine agency manager, whom recent Government requirements forced out of business, that the baby was sick and that his good wife is a regular Private Secretary who can handle the correspondence and work while he sleeps. Would we prove that What We Want Is Orders?

We thought we Would. On investigation, we learned that Mr. Bowe's collaborator and representative who was personally supervising getting out this Second Edition and whom the day shift always left at work evenings, and found on the job mornings, had amiably proceeded to break about all the rules of Book-making and was actually putting out something Different. The conservative Superintendent of our Book Department declared, "*There is a book which will attract Attention, it is so very Unusual that folks, when they see it, will insist on knowing why it's made that way.*"

So, we organized a new department, the *Individual Circulation Department*. If you patronize it and encourage us, we shall try to prevent your missing some of the other Good Things we have to print here, now and then. Meanwhile, do remember old Hood's sarsaparilla and be a Loving Friend.

Somewhere between our tested and capable employees—for we hire none other! and the several different sorts of persons quoted in what follows, you probably will find your own place. If not, make a place for yourself the way the manager of our new Individual Circulation Department did; and be sure, like him, also, to tell us your opinion of "Soldiers of the Legion." Please bring it to the attention of your friends—and your enemies, too, if you have any (their appreciation of your kind thoughtfulness may fix things up and get you at least an armistice,

if not actual peace of mind). Let us know what You think about it, at least, so we can retain your name on our mailing list. Note, we print "Who's Who In America"!

Oh, yes, we are Printers, you know; not "Publishers" yet; and, in hurrying the production of this particularly timely volume, which is a bit *ahead* of the times, as you will see, we omitted to emphasize the fact that this book, "*Soldiers of the Legion*," so ably "Trench Etched" by Legionnaire Bowe, contains Some Pictures. You may have noticed them—however, the real depicting of the Great War, its Actors, its Problems, you will find in the text itself. Here are some comments that have been made by folk who saw the manuscript, or parts of it:

Mrs. J. M. Green, Manager Book Section, Marshall Field and Company, Chicago:

"It is good. I did what I seldom can do—read some in it. Those first two Historical Chapters interested me very much. We have been selling the first edition. We shall be glad to have the Second printing and I am glad it is necessary. You may as well leave that Picture hanging there till after the Holidays."

Nathaniel McCarthy, Veteran Bookseller, Minneapolis:

"It should have had a Publisher. That man's material is solid gold but, in just having it printed, he has taken his gold to a Blacksmith and the watch made of it probably will not keep time. It is different from all the other more than 300 War Books. While it is crude in places, it simply had to be. Scribner's would have been glad to put that material out and push it from coast to coast."

John Bowe, Himself, Private "Jack," Soldier of The Legion, Minnesota Mayor, Produce Commission Merchant, Farmer, Canby, Minnesota:

"Mac, old man, that's the way I felt; how did you know? That is quite right—that Start is a stemwinder. Can you keep it up? It's Military, steps right along—not an unnecessary word! And that Ending—My God, man, ye could never have stopped without that!"

Janet Priest, Publicity Woman Metro Picture Corporation, New York City:

"I believe your book will go. It looks good to me. I know a number of the men whom you describe. Anything about them is bound to be interesting and well received. You are darn right about the war not being over!"

Elizabeth Gordon, "The Miniature Writer," Beloved of Kiddies, Chicago:

"This will sell. Too bad it did not have a Publisher—but it is probably not too late yet. It has the merit of being entirely Unique also, Truth. Congratulations, fellow scribbler. I said you would do it—or, rather, that you should do it."

John T. Hoyle, formerly Chief Editorial Department Roycroft Shops, for 10 years Literary Adviser of Elbert Hubbard. Felix Shay admits, "When it comes to Books and the things that are in them, John T. Hoyle has not his equal in America." Mr. Hoyle is Instructor in Business English, and in Editorial Studies, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh:

"Your work for John Bowe is superb. I read it all with sympathy and intense interest."

Gratia Countryman, Librarian Public Libraries of Minneapolis:

"When our Boys come home I believe they are going to be so far ahead of us Spiritually that we shall have to hurry to catch up with them. You are bringing out this fact with new points which others have seemed to overlook; and you have written beautifully. Historically, too, the work has real value. We shall want your book here, also in our 12 branches. There is a place for this Book."

Elizabeth Wallace, Associate Professor of French, University of Chicago:

"I was much interested in the book. It is vivid and original. But it seems rather loosely put together and not as well organized as it might be in order to make the most of the material. I am frank, you see—but you asked me!"

Ruth Wickersham, Public Library, Denver, Colorado:

"Material good but rather hard to handle properly. The story is inclined to be disconnected; but, on the whole, as good a book of personal experiences as any I have read. Should take well with the ordinary reader."

Mrs. J. B. Sherwood, Former Chairman Art Committee General Federation of Women's Clubs, President Holiday House Association, Chicago:

"This book is very Unusual. It is True and Beautiful. In places, it is rough; but it is going to Help—and that's the Great thing to consider in anything we do."

Rector James E. Freeman, St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, Personal Representative of Secretary of War Newton D. Baker at United States Cantonments:

"I have read with interest your manuscript. You have written exceedingly well. The underlying sentiment of all that you have written is altogether good. I think I like particularly your introduction, for here you have crisp, epigrammatic sentences."

Kenneth M. Bradley, President Bush Conservatory, Chicago:

"I am glad your work has Historical values which make it deserve to live—there have been many of the other kind. It clearly suggests my own definition of Religion, 'That which sustains me when I can't depend on myself.'"

Rev. Frederick W. Oakes, B. D. Chairman and Vice-President The Oakes Home Association, Church Home for Sick Strangers, Denver, Colorado:

"You were kind and courteous to send me the enclosed pages of strong and pure—Christian philosophy. I have read them with inspiration. I can but say Dr. Freeman did well indeed when he caused you to turn up your lamp. And such words cannot fail to give light to a very great number of people with great encouragement. Do not expect everyone to enter into their full meaning—Only those who have caught the Greater Truth can you expect to see and understand. 'God is in His world' is the saying many hear and leave it there. Of course, He is in His world; but it will make but little difference to us unless we find out **why** He is in His world. He is in His world, I take it, to help man, **every man**, to his Divine Right. First came The Divine Right of Popes,—Abused, then the Divine Right of Kings, and now the greatest of unfolding of God's truths—The Divine Right of Man. I pray we may all see it, and appreciate the wonderful truth in its clearer sense and light, as it is being worked out by so many of those who have gone forth to the call of Country—Yes, the call of the World's great privileges.

You may do more to help than you know by thus following the cue Mr. Freeman has given you, but which really came from God."

John Bowe and his Collaborator—who says he's "de guy what put the labor in collaborator!" are like the Soldiers they portray in that they believe in changing "impossible" to *I'm possible*. It is a big job they're on, marketing an unadvertised, unpublished—just a printed—Book, against formidable obstacles; but we believe you will be glad if you assist us in helping them get it across. Send us **orders* for "*Soldiers of the Legion*." Get it into your Public and School Libraries. Mention it to your Bookseller.

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